

Annual Report of the Town



Gilford New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2003

GILFORD TOWN BEACH
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GILFORD

New Hampshire

for the year ending

December 31, 2003

DEDICATION



It is difficult to imagine that a native of Brooklyn, New York could have a profound impact on the town of Gilford, New Hampshire. It is even more incredulous that an individual could successfully oversee the orderly business of elections and Town Meeting as Moderator for more than 30 years!

But Peter Millham is no ordinary fellow. He was raised in Kew Gardens and Locust Valley, NY. Peter and his wife Alida moved to Gilford in 1961. That very same year, Peter began his service to the community by serving as Interim Town Moderator in 1961 & 1962. He served as a Gunstock Area Commissioner from 1962 through 1977. Peter has also served as the School District Moderator and the Chairman of the School Needs and School Building Committees.

Peter's commitment to charitable institutions is equally diverse and impressive. Over the years, he has served in numerous capacities with the New Hampshire Music Festival, the New Hampshire Bar Association, the Lakes Region General Hospital, the Mount Washington Commission and the Lakes Region Charitable Foundation.

In his "spare" time, Peter was a partner in the law firm of Wescott, Millham and Dyer, for which he is presently "Of Counsel", and along with Alida, raised three children who matriculated in the Gilford School System and went on to successful college and professional careers.

While his activities are legendary, Peter's most visible and appreciated contribution is his service as Town Moderator. Peter has presided over Town Meetings with poise and a keen sense of humor. For many, Town Meeting would not be the same without his seemingly effortless skill.

For his devotion to public service, we dedicate the 2003 Annual Report to Peter Millham, and hope that he chooses to "moderate" for years to come!

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In Memorium



Richard Petell
1952 - 2003

In 1975, Richard Petell started working for the Highway Division of the Public Works Department as a laborer. He worked his way up the ranks until he was named Highway Superintendent in 1987, the position he held until his untimely death. During his tenure, Richard completed supervisory classes I & II and also attained the level of Master Road Scholar with the Technology Transfer Center of UNH. He managed the town roads in a safe and passable condition with a unique blend of traditional techniques and modern technology. His vision and dedication inspire those who knew him best, the Gilford Highway Division.

In Memorium



Officer Kainen M. Flynn
1978 - 2003

Kainen became a Gilford Police Officer in October of 2001.

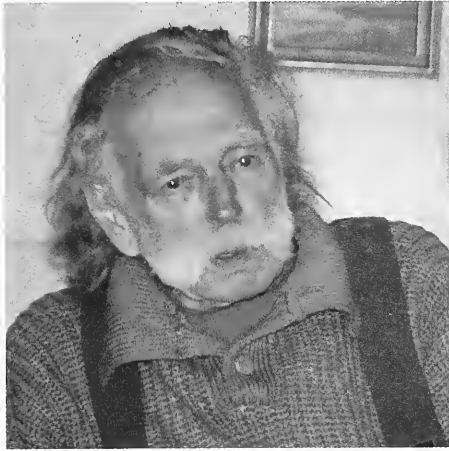
He was a young energetic officer, who loved his job. He was very well liked by members of our department and our community.

Kainen had been recognized for his meritorious service in DUI enforcement.

Kainen, known as “Tigger” when he first came to work because of his bouncing personality and physical characteristics, has not been forgotten.

Officer 310 remains on eternal patrol with all members of our department.

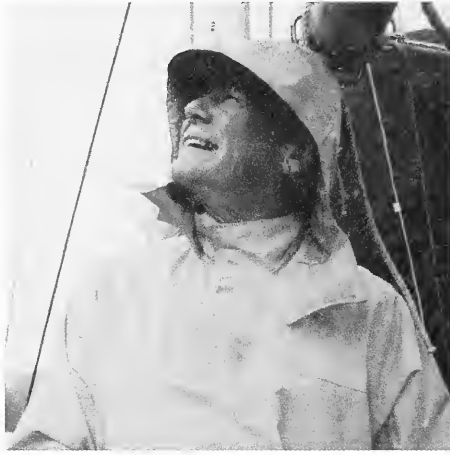
In Memorium



Arthur A. Tilton
1917 - 2003

A lifelong Gilford resident, Arthur was born and raised in the same farmhouse as his mother. He was not only a colorful character, but also one of the most knowledgeable individuals on the history of Gilford and Lakeport. Arthur served the community in many capacities and on many boards and committees, including Town Moderator, Recreation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Kimball Castle Committee, Gilford Bicentennial Commission, Rowe House Committee and Economic Development Committee.

In Memorium



Reverend Parkman D. Howe
1914 - 2003

A native of Clinton, Massachusetts, Parkie grew up in Needham, Massachusetts and graduated from Harvard University. He was a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II. After graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary he was ordained into the Episcopal Ministry, serving at a number of New Hampshire churches. An avid sailor, marksman and hunter, Parkie retired to Gilford and served as a valued member of the Planning Board for many years. He also was a member of the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests and on the Board of the Spaulding Youth Center.

**Town Officers
2003**

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT AT
TOWN MEETING**

Term Commencing on Day of Town Meeting

**Three-Year Terms
SELECTMEN**

Dennis J. Doten	Term Expires 2004
Alice H. Boucher	Term Expires 2005
Kinney O'Rourke	Term Expires 2006

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Eastman	Term Expires 2005
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TREASURER

Gregory Dickinson	Annual Term 2004
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OVERSEER OF WELFARE

William Connelly	Annual Term 2004
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**Two-Year Term
MODERATOR**

Peter Millham	Term Expires 2004
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**Six-Year Terms
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Marjorie Muehlke (appt until 2004 Annual Meeting)	Term Expires 2004
Mary Lou Grevatt	Term Expires 2006
Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2008

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

George Sawyer, Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2005
Gregory Dickinson	Term Expires 2006

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Polly Sanfacon, Chairperson	Term Expires 2004
Tracey Petrozzi	Term Expires 2004
David Buckman	Term Expires 2005
Jean Clarke	Term Expires 2006
Kimberly Slattery	Term Expires 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Derek Thomlinson, Chairman	Term Expires 2004
John Morris	Term Expires 2004
William Phillips (appt until 2004 Annual Meeting)	Term Expires 2004
Phyllis Corrigan	Term Expires 2005
Susan Greene	Term Expires 2005
Scott Davis (appt until 2004 Annual Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2005
Paul Medeiros (appt until 2004 Annual Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2006
Donald Sibson	Term Expires 2006
Richard Hickok	Term Expires 2006
James Annis, School Board Member	
Alice Boucher, Selectman Member	

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

William Akerley, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Philip Brouillard	Term Expires 2004
John "Jack" McDevitt (appt until 2004 Annual Meeting)	Term Expires 2005

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Goodhue, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Douglas Hill	Term Expires 2004
Lee Duncan	Term Expires 2004
Thomas Drouin	Term Expires 2005
Lawrence Routhier	Term Expires 2005
Paula McDonald, Alternate	Term Expires 2004
Charles Coons, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Rudolph Lehr, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Donald Sibson, Alternate	Term Expires 2005

PLANNING BOARD

Polly Sanfacon, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Richard Sonia	Term Expires 2004
Carolyn Scattergood	Term Expires 2005
Jerry Gagnon	Term Expires 2005
Richard Vaillancourt	Term Expires 2006
Richard Waitt	Term Expires 2006
William Johnson, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
John Morgenstern, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Kinney O'Rourke, Selectman	

RECREATION COMMISSION

Corrinne Demko, Chairman	Term Expires 2005
Richard Nelson	Term Expires 2003
Thomas Francoeur	Term Expires 2004
James Babcock	Term Expires 2004
John Beland	Term Expires 2005

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Andrew Howe, Chairman	Term Expires 2005
Donald Chesebrough	Term Expires 2006
Scott Davis	Term Expires 2006
Richard Weaver	Term Expires 2004
Richard Foley	Term Expires 2004
Philip LaBonte, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Charles Boucher, Alternate	Term Expires 2006

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION

Ruth McLaughlin, Acting Chairperson	Term Expires 2005
Julianne McConnell	Term Expires 2004
Dianne Mitton	Term Expires 2004
Elaine Gagnon	Term Expires 2005
Esther Peters	Term Expires 2006
Gail Wood, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Richard Sonia, Planning Board Rep.	
Dennis Doten, Selectman Rep.	

Two-Year Terms

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Rutha Helfrich	Term Expires 2004
Shirley Snow	Term Expires 2004
Barbara Carey	Term Expires 2004
Georgetta Wixson	Term Expires 2004

Town Administrator

Director of Finance	Phillippe Arel
Chief of Police	Debra Shackett
Director of Public Works	Evans Juris
Director of Planning & Land Use	Sheldon Morgan
Director of Recreation	John Ayer
Technology Coordinator	Susan King
Health Officer	Donald Girard
Building Official	David Andrade
Director of Emergency Management	David Andrade
	Sheldon Morgan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rodney Dyer
Leo Sanfacon
Kinney O'Rourke

**OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN
AND TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Denise Morrisette

**OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE TOWN TREASURER**

Deputy Town Treasurer Cynthia Kupetz

**OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Library Director Katherine Dormody

**OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

Fire Chief Michael Mooney

**ELECTED OFFICIALS OF
GUNSTOCK ACRES VILLAGE DISTRICT**

Moderator	Craig Sikoski
Treasurer	Jan Combe
Clerk	Terry Crawshaw
Commissioners	Louis Combe, Chairman
	Steven LaBonte
	Robert Dalton

TOWN OF GILFORD TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
EMERGENCY POLICE DEPARTMENT	911
MEDICAL AID	911

Appraisal Department	527-4704
Building Inspector	527-4727
Conservation Commission	527-4727
Department of Planning & Land Use	527-4727
Finance Department	527-4700
Fire Station (Business Number)	527-4758
Health Officer	527-4727
Highway Department	527-4787
Historic District Commission	527-4727
Landfill/Recycling Center	293-0220
Library	524-6042
Parks and Recreation Department	527-4722
Gilford Beach	293-8022
Gilford Ice Rink	293-0692
Parks and Recreation Program Announcement Line	527-4723
Planning Board Office	527-4727
Police Department (Business Number)	527-4737
Public Works Department	527-4778
Selectmen's Office	527-4700
Sewer Division	527-4778
Town Administrator	527-4700
Town Clerk-Tax Collector	527-4713
Zoning Board of Adjustment	527-4727

**Activity Reports
of
Officers, Officials,
Boards, Committees
and
Commissions**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To take a retrospective look at the events of 2003 (or any year for that matter), it is always astonishing to note the incredible dedication of volunteers. Our town is truly a citizen government, as all of our boards and commissions are comprised of your friends and neighbors. They donate thousands of hours every year to improve the lives of Gilford citizens. They are not alone. The very fabric of our community is woven by the efforts of volunteers... in sports, culture, recreation, historic preservation, civic clubs and the arts, to name but a few. When facing adversity, it is reassuring to remember the limitless positive contributions of this vast network of volunteers.

A major long-awaited endeavor, the Village Sewer Project was completed during the past year. We thank all Gilford residents, and particularly those in the path of this project, for their patience and forbearance for the disruptions in their lives. All three schools as well as the public library and municipal complex are now connected to the sewer system.

For much of the year, the infrastructure of Phase II of the Lakes Business Park was under construction. The resulting eighteen lots will be served by sewer, water, natural gas, electricity telephone and cable TV. Representatives of Gilford and the City of Laconia have been working cooperatively on many levels to assure the success of this project. The Laconia Gilford Economic Development Authority (an outgrowth of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and City) has assumed oversight of the Park. The Authority has created a series of protective covenants and is developing a marketing strategy. Interest from potential buyers has been strong.

Once again, the Board of Selectmen convened a "Summer Town Forum" (on one of the rainiest evenings of the year) to provide an opportunity for seasonal residents to offer comments and concerns. All of our Department Managers were present to answer questions and explain projects. The intensive usage of the Glendale Dock and Parking Facility continue to be the subject of concern. Most, however, indicate that recent changes have improved the situation.

Many Gilford residents have visited the Town's new website, www.gilfordnh.org. The site will continue to offer new information and updates.

Tragic events also marked our year as you will note the memorials in another section of this report to Kainen Flynn, Richard Petell, Arthur Tilton and Reverend Parkman Howe. Another tragedy that greatly affected our community was a car accident that resulted in the death of lifelong farmer

Arthur Weeks and severe injuries to Public Works employees Lyman Jenot and Kirk Young.

Efforts to preserve the open space of the Arthur Weeks Farm were underway even before Arthur's death. This highly visible property serves as both the backdrop to our town and a regional landmark. Despite setbacks in funding, this project continues to gain momentum, thanks to the perseverance of the many interested individuals.

Your Board of Selectmen is proud to lead a talented, professional and dedicated work force. We believe that the town continues to be well served by these able men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J. Doten, Chairman
Alice H. Boucher
Kinney O'Rourke

GILFORD APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT TOWN ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Appraisal Department performed another assessment update for 2003, keeping assessments current with the changing real estate market. Indications were that Gilford would have been assessed at 76% of market value had we not performed the assessment update. We expect our assessment-to-sales ratio to be close to 95% of 2003 market value as a result of the update.

Due to the assessment increases, the tax rate fell from \$18.95 per thousand to \$17.32 per thousand. The decrease in the rate would have been more significant but for the school bond, which came due for the first time this year.

This coming year, 2004, the Town of Gilford will be going through a 'Certification' procedure by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). Each five (5) years all communities will go through the process on a cyclical basis.

This process came about as a result of the 'Sirrell' decision, where the courts found that the State had an obligation to ensure adequate funding for schools. Accordingly, the DRA is reviewing the assessing process in each community, and comparing our processes with 'guidelines' being developed by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and Equalization Standards Board (EQB). Upon completion of their study, they will 'report' their findings to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration and the Assessing Standards Board.

We have been preparing for this review over the past two years by re-qualifying veterans and elderly credits and exemptions, as well as institutional exemptions (such as churches and benevolent associations). We appreciate the patience and understanding of those taxpayers that assisted us in these reviews.

New Hampshire law requires municipalities to base assessments upon market value. The 2004 certification 'review' by the DRA will look to our assessments for (fall) 2004 to determine if we meet the standards set by the Assessing Standards Board. The ASB recommends that assessments be no less than 95% of market value, and no more than 105% of market value. Because the real estate market continues to escalate in most all sectors, all around the State, we need to continue with the assessment update process.

Accordingly, assessments will be updated again in the fall of 2004. Each taxpayer will receive a notice of changed assessment in the late summer. At this point (winter, 2004) we cannot gauge the extent of the changes for we must look to the sales of property into the early summer before we appraise the Town. Typically, we study and use sales occurring during a one-year period preceding the assessment date. For unusual properties that seldom sell, we extend that range to 2-years of sales.

We thank all taxpayers for their continuing patience and cooperation as we strive to keep our assessments and technology current with emerging State standards. We ask that you take the time to review your assessment records when you have the opportunity, and inform us of any information that may not be current or accurate.

We are available to discuss any available credits or exemptions you may qualify for, and to answer any questions you have regarding any aspect of our operations and duties.

We extend our sincere thanks to our fellow Town employees for their always cheerful assistance, and to the Town Administrator and Selectmen for their continuing support and thoughtful oversight of our department's efforts.

Wil Corcoran

Town Appraiser
Gilford Appraisal Office

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT**

The year of 2003 has gone and we are pleased to announce that we gave personal service to 16,571 people at our counter, answered over 8,000 telephone calls and prepared over 19,000 tax receipts collecting over 20 million dollars. That is a busy year!

We had just one election in 2003, the annual town and school district election. Town Meeting proved to be a challenge with five paper ballot votes, color-coded and sufficient number of voter checklists and helpers on hand.

This office issued approximately 14,000 semi-annual property tax bills, over 4,000 quarterly sewer use bills, Gunstock Acres water bills, Capital Cost Recovery, Current Use, Yield Tax, Lockes Hill and Cherry Valley Condo Betterment bills, Jeopardy and Supplemental bills, making for a constant flow of billings and collection deadlines.

In addition, this office produced nearly 11,000 motor vehicle registrations, performed Municipal agent functions for the State of NH that number 8,819, issued nearly 1,400 dog licenses, processed over 2,200 motor vehicle titles and collected over \$99,000 in boat registration fees. Meanwhile we issued approximately 10,000 Taxpayer of Gilford decals, island resident decals and Glendale Guest Passes which number in the thousands. Along with the various other fees collected such as beach admissions, fines and pistol permits, we issued 156 copies of birth, death and marriage certificates. The Town Clerk revenue alone totals over 1.6 million dollars for 2003.

In 2003 the State of NH owned vital statistic computer was upgraded and we are now on-line to the Bureau of Vital records. We may now issue birth, death and marriage certificates that were obtained from other offices in the state with some date restrictions. This means that if your child was born at the Laconia Hospital, you now have the ability to obtain a copy of the birth certificate here in Gilford.

In 2003 long-term employee, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector and friend, Joyce Papps retired. We have missed her already and wish her a happy, healthy retirement. I am pleased to report that Denise Morrisette, a 17-year veteran, was appointed as Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector on May 9, 2003. In addition we have two new faces in the office and want to welcome Shaunee Parent and Lindsey Sallies to the team. I wish to thank all of the staff for their dedication to helping the taxpayers including Heidi Emery and Melanie Brierly.

Last, a big thank you to all of the taxpayers and residents for their support and help over the last year. We are here to serve your needs and look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, CMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

According to the statistics listed below, 2003 was overall a little slower paced than the previous year. The slowdown was hardly noticed, however, as other issues kept the department on the go. The decrease in activity is based primarily in a drop in the number of office contacts, building permits, and building inspections compared to 2002. The number of development applications considered by the Planning Board was generally the same as in 2002. The Historic District and Heritage Commission took on a more proactive roll in its duties of overseeing construction, landscaping, and land use activities in the Historic District and, as a result, the number of applications reviewed by the HDC more than doubled over previous years.

The Master Plan update continued through 2003 past its expected completion date. The extended preparation time has been frustrating at times, but has given Board members and staff an opportunity to engage in valuable discussion that, it is hoped, will improve the overall final product.

Significant issues related to the department during 2003 included approval of a site plan proposing demolition and redevelopment of the Lakes Region Plaza at 1401 Lakeshore Road. The new and expanded center will be called Winnepesaukee Crossing. Numerous zoning ordinance amendments were discussed through the fall, many of which survived to make their way to the 2004 town meeting ballot. Planning Board members and staff hope that the proposed changes will improve the quality of the zoning ordinance and the town's business viability, while keeping Gilford a comfortable place to live.

The following table illustrates the work performed during 2003 by the office staff and the boards and commissions for which the department provides staff support:

I. OFFICE STAFF

1. Office Contacts

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Phone Calls Received	5,739	6,491	5,952	6,813	5,568
In-Person Visits	3,821	3,822	4,136	4,287	3,965
TOTAL CONTACTS:	9,560	10,313	10,088	11,100	9,533

2. Building Code Administration

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Building Permits	262	280	321	390	310
Plumb. / Elect. Perm.	182	209	241	381	342
Sign Permits	29	14	22	7	14

Demolition Permits	12	20	28	33	23
Misc. Permits	4	8	6	1	2
Driveway Permits	66	73	87	*	*
TOTAL PERMITS:	555	604	705	812	691

Of the 310 building permits issued, 19 were commercial building permits and 64 were for single-family homes (which includes condominiums). (* = Driveway permits are now issued by DPW, not DPLU.)

3. Declared Value Of All Construction

	1999	2000
TOTAL VALUE:	\$14,956,422	\$14,573,331
	2001	2002
TOTAL VALUE:	\$17,082,702	\$27,000,139
	2003	
TOTAL VALUE:	\$19,349,569	

4. Code Enforcement/Health Inspection Activity

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Building Inspections	463	564	468	671	444
Electrical (Rough/Fin.)	356	396	334	539	372
Plumbing (Rough/Fin.)	266	276	255	407	388
Zoning Enforcement	101	144	165	132	108
Health Officer Responses	66	96	105	48	45
TOTAL INSPECTIONS:	1,252	1,476	1,327	1,797	1,357

II. PLANNING BOARD

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Chair	Polly Sanfacon	4/06
Co Vice-Chairs	Carolyn Scattergood	4/05
	Richard Waitt	4/06
Selectmen Rep.	J. Kinney O'Rourke	3/06
Regular Members	Jerry Gagnon	4/05
	Richard Vaillancourt	4/06
	Richard Sonia	4/04
Alternate Members	William Johnson	4/06
	John Morgenstern	4/06

<u>Board Action</u>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Site Plan Reviews	38	30	33	22	25
Subdivision Reviews	20	12	25	15	14
Master Signage Plans	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL CASES:	58	42	59	38	41

III. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>				
Chair	Andrew Howe	4/05				
Vice-Chair	Donald Cheseborough	4/06				
Regular Members	Richard Weaver	4/04				
	Richard Foley	4/04				
	Scott Davis	4/06				
	Philip Labonte	4/06				
Alternate Members	Charles Boucher	4/06				
<u>Board Action</u>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Special Exceptions						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>	6/0	7/0	5/0	10/0	4/0	
Variances						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>	5/6	3/6	6/1	1/0	1/4	
Appeal of Admin. Decision						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/1	
Rehearings						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
Equitable Waiver						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>	3/0	2/0	0/0	2/0	2/0	
TOTAL CASES:	21	20	13	13	12	

IV. HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>				
Chair	Ruth McLaughlin	4/05				
Selectmen Rep.	Dennis Doten	3/04				
Planning Board Rep.	Richard Sonia	4/04				
Regular Members	Elaine Gagnon	4/05				
	Julianne McConnell	4/04				
	Esther Peters	4/06				
	Diane Mitton	4/04				
	Alternate Member	Gail Wood	4/05			
<u>Commission Action</u>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Cases Reviewed	8	7	6	7	18	

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Chair	John Goodhue	4/06
Planning Board Rep.	(vacant)	

Regular Members	Douglas Hill	4/04
	Lee Duncan	4/04
	Tom Drouin	4/05
	Larry Routhier	4/05
Alternate Members	Paula MacDonald	4/04
	Rudy Lehr	4/05
	Donald Sibson	4/05
	Charles Coons	4/05

<u>Commission Action</u>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Cases Reviewed	39	36	14	32	34

The commission also performed numerous field inspections and participated in investigations relative to the protection of wet and environmentally sensitive lands.

The department staff changed during 2003. In February we bid farewell to long-time administrative assistant Marsha McGinley who went to work in the town's Assessing/Appraisal office, and in March we welcomed Sandy Bailey who was hired as the new administrative assistant. Sandy brings with her many years of varied work experience in a municipal office, in a school, and as a motel owner. We are glad to have Sandy on board.

2003 also brought changes in the staffing of the Town's land use boards. Lisa Marie Morin ended her service on both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, Marjory Hillman and David Buckman both finished their years of service on the Conservation Commission, and Steve Russell ended his service on the Historic District and Heritage Commission. Replacing them are Larry Routhier and Charles Coons on the Conservation Commission, Esther Peters on the Historic District and Heritage Commission, and John Morgenstern on the Planning Board. We extend our sincere thanks to former and current board members who generously volunteer their time to serve the Town under what are often adverse circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Ayer, AICP
Director of Planning and Land Use

GILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2003

In this my sixteenth annual report as the Chief of Police for our community, I report the following.

The year 2003 has shown an overall 11% decrease in Calls for Police Service. The most significant areas of decrease are in the areas of motor vehicle related cases, simple assaults and intoxications.

Some areas that increased significantly over the past year were aggravated assault and burglary.

The Department was awarded a grant through the New Hampshire Department of Justice under Homeland Security that equipped all members of the Department with chemical and biological equipment.

The Facility Planning Committee continued to meet and has recommended that a new separate police facility should be constructed. Their recommendation was forwarded to the Board of Selectmen, who accepted and endorsed the finding. It is anticipated that a formal proposal will be made to the 2005 Town Meeting.

In June the Department was faced with the untimely death of Officer Kainen M. Flynn. Officer Flynn died in a boating accident on Lake Winnisquam while fishing.

Officer Flynn had been sited for his outstanding work in the area of motor vehicle offenses – especially driving under the influence. He had also been involved in the Fatality Reality Program at Gilford Middle High School.

In late July, early August, the Department, as well as other County law enforcement agencies were responsible for special law enforcement coverage during the World Run of the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club. The event went well for most respects.

In September, the Department instituted its second School Resource Officer position as authorized by the 2003 Town Meeting. Officer Timothy Barone was hired. He is assigned to the Elementary School and is also responsible for the Middle School. The School Resource Officer Program has proven to be a very successful program, especially in the relationship between our youth and police department.

The installation of our new digital communications base equipment was completed with a final conversion of all equipment to digital within two (2) years.

Promotions in the past year include Patrol Officer First Class Dennis Rector to Corporal, Detective Kristian Kelley to Detective/Corporal, and Officer Eric Bredbury to Detective/School Resource Officer.

New employees this year included Timothy Barone as the new School Resource Officer, Officer James Taylor, who replaced Officer

Matthew Gray-who relocated, Officer Dustin Parent who replaced Officer Kainen Flynn, Communication Specialist Dana Baker who replaced Kevin Buote, who relocated to Florida. Joanne Blais returned as a part-time communication specialist.

Officer Christopher Jacques, assisted by Detective/SRO Eric Bredbury and Clerk/Communication Specialist Kim Horan, updated the Department’s Web Page in design. The Department Web Page can be viewed at www.gilfordpd.org.

I would like to thank members of the Police Department for their dedication and service to our community.

I would also like to thank the other Town Departments, as well as the Gilford School District, for their support.

Finally, I would like to thank the citizens of our community for their support of the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Evans E. Juris
Chief of Police

**ACTIVITY REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Telephone Calls Received	22100	17496
Outgoing Telephone Calls	4759	4550
Calls For Service	16497	14638
Cruiser Mileage	170249	178034
Criminal Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	5	6
Robbery	3	4
Aggravated Assault	2	5
Burglary	30	52
Larceny	221	217
Auto Theft	9	7
Simple Assault	97	74
Arson	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0

Criminal Mischief	104	107
Prostitution	0	0
Drug Offenses	46	37
Gambling	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	70	65
Intoxication	78	48
Parking Tickets	76	89
Accidents	341	360
Traffic Stops	3237	2778

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The year 2003 started with heavy winter snows, until late into spring, for highway crews. Shortly thereafter we began our summer road construction activities when, very unexpectedly, our long time Highway Superintendent, Richard W. Petell, passed away, at the beginning of July, after a brief illness. The following month, two [2] of our highway employees were involved in a very bad vehicle accident shortly after leaving work, during a torrential rain storm. Kirk Young, passenger, was hospitalized and then after a short recuperative time, came back to work. The driver, Lyman Jenot, is still out and undergoing rehabilitation. While Lyman is on his way, our hopes and prayers are with him and that he makes a full recovery. As you can see, 2003 was not an exceptionally good year for Public Works. Once again, we respectfully dedicate our Annual Report to those men that have given so much to this department:

- **Richard W. Petell, Highway Superintendent – 28 year employee**
- **Lyman Jenot, Truck Driver – recuperating – 4 year employee**

As always, the Highway Division continues to be a bustle of activity. Three [3] major construction projects were completed in 2003. Sleeper Hill Road was completely rehabilitated [pavement, drainage, shoulders] as was Upper Cotton Hill and a large portion of Morrill Street, along with a number of more seasonal chores. 2003 saw several new faces during the year: Tracy Leonard & Robert DuVerger, both as truck drivers. In December, Dustin Muzzey was hired to fill the void of Richard's passing, as the department's Operations Manager. Dustin comes to us with a background in municipal government administration and will augment the department's operations with his knowledge.

The Sewer Division kept busy this past year with the new village sewer line being activated. Many new connections were added to our existing roster. Also this year we continued to install radio read units on existing and new meters so that our quarterly reading assignments will be both faster and more efficient. We plan to continue this installation practice in the coming year and hope to have the majority of our quarterly readings done electronically in the near future.

Richie Stuart, Solid Waste Supervisor, reports that the Recycling Center continues to be busy as more and more people get into the recycling habit. This coming year we plan to explore more types of recycling options that may be available to the town. Our goal is to expand our recycling efforts thus reducing the amount of trash that is disposed of through incineration at the Penacook Facility. To show our efforts to date, the following is a summary of this past years activity:

		<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
		(following figures are in tons)			
Aluminum/tin cans recycled	6.44	5.54	4.47	5.77	
Newspaper/magazines recycled	109.88	99.31	67.53	86.70	
Combined glass recycled	35.50	36.00	35.50	39.00	
Total tonnage recycled	151.82	140.85	107.50	131.47	
Brush incinerated	174,000	215,000	170,000	137,000	
		(brush figures are in cubic feet)			

As usual, our Glendale Dock Facility continues to be an extremely busy location during the summer months. This past year saw dock #3 completely rehabilitated. The dock was dismantled and new underpinning installed. When the dock was reinstalled, there were two (2) extra conduits added underneath for possible future utility use. If approved, we are proposing to perform the same repairs to dock #2. Enhanced enforcement this past summer appears to have made a substantial difference in managing both boat and vehicle traffic. Should anyone have comments on operations at this facility, please let us know and we'll pass them along to our Glendale Committee.

Administration, Building & Grounds and other pockets of Public Works activities continue to share in the pride and dedication that, you the public, have come to expect. Please don't hesitate to call [527-4778] or stop in should you wish further clarification on any Public Works function or activity.

The following chart reflects the activity generated through the administration portion of Public Works this past year:

		<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Public Sewer hookups	30	36	102	76	
Driveway permits issued	80	95	120	116	
Dig/Trench permits issued	17	16	28	21	
Request for Action forms processed	159	149	114	89	

In closing this report I especially wish to thank all those that have helped us through the year; the Selectmen, the Commissions, the other Departments, the Town Administrator's office, the agencies, the contractors, and especially the citizens; thank you for your continued support

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon C. Morgan, Director

REPORT OF THE GILFORD FIRE – RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR 2003

The Gilford Fire-Rescue Department is committed to serving the residents and visitors of the Town of Gilford in the best manner possible. As such, the men and women of the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department would like to thank you for the continuing support that you give us.

The department has seen many changes this past year. Two additional firefighters were hired which now provides three people on duty 24 hour per day. Several new people were added to the call company roster. These people are predominately emergency medical service providers. There is still a need for additional people to fill the role of firefighter and apparatus operator. Two different federal grant programs allowed the department to purchase a high pressure breathing air system and an amphibious all-terrain vehicle for rescue operation. A new fire engine approved at last Town Meeting was also received.

Many non-emergency activities are continuing, such as school education programs, commercial and residential fire safety inspections and general public education. As a result of your participation, these programs are very successful in making the Town of Gilford a more fire safe community.

2003 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Structure Fires	45	Medical Emergencies	515
Grass/Brush Fires	15	Motor Vehicle Accidents	76
Vehicle Fires	15	Miscellaneous Medical/Rescue Calls	35
Hazardous Conditions	75	Total Medical Incidents	<u>626</u>
Miscellaneous Fire Conditions	20		
Total Fire Incidents	<u>170</u>	Service Calls	103
		Miscellaneous Incidents	100
System Malfunctions	58	Total Miscellaneous Incidents	<u>203</u>
Malicious False Alarms	2		
Unintentional False Alarms	77	Mutual Aid to Other Towns (fire)	82
Miscellaneous False Alarms	13	Mutual Aid to Other Towns (medical)	63
Total Alarm Activations	<u>150</u>	Mutual Aid to Other Towns(misc)	11

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2003 **1149**

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Mooney
Chief of Department

Board of Fire Engineers		
William Akerley, Chairman	Phillip Brouillard	Jack McDevitt

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to report on our facilities, programs, activities, and services offered in 2003. All in all, it was a good year, as we continued with the on-going challenge of meeting the diversified recreation and leisure needs of our growing and ever-changing community.

As for our youth programs in 2003, our fall soccer program involved 14 teams with 157 boys and girls in grades 2 – 5 playing. Nine teams with 92 hoopsters in grades 3 - 6 competed in our youth basketball program. In March, it was our pleasure to once again sponsor the Tenth Annual Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial Basketball Tournament. Twelve area teams from Gilford, Sanbornton, Gilmanton, Laconia, Franklin, New Durham, and Bristol competed, with the proceeds going to scholarships for deserving GMHS graduating seniors. In July, the Major League Soccer Camp program returned to Gilford. The group of English coaches ran the weeklong instructional camp for 45 children ages 6 – 12. Then in August, we again offered the Play Soccer Camp program. With good attendance in both our shorter, early evening session for the younger children (ages 4 – 6) and in our longer morning session for the older children (ages 7 – 12), we had 109 children playing soccer for the week with the 8 English coaches. During the last week of June, we had approximately 75 - 80 children take part in our popular Shooter's Gold Youth Basketball Camp, under the direction of Coach Paul Hogan and his crew. Due to the construction at the Gilford Middle/High School, however, we had to use the Laconia High School gym in order to hold our Gilford camp at the scheduled time. This was our twelfth season of being able to offer this hoop camp to our kids in grades 2 - 8. Also, due to the construction project at the Gilford Middle/High School, we unfortunately could not hold our girls and boys summer basketball programs for a second season. We hope to be able to play again in the 2004 summer season. The after-school sports program, co-sponsored with the Gilford Elementary School, continues to be very popular, with 25 – 30 fourth and fifth graders enjoying four sessions/activities throughout the school year. Offered in cooperation with Gunstock, our cross-country ski program allowed us to get 31 kids in grades 1 - 5 out enjoying the snow and nature along the trails. On the slopes and under the lights at Gunstock, we had 33 boys and girls in grades 3 – 6 take part in our downhill ski/snowboard program. In May and June, we once again offered an introductory golf lesson program for both youth and adults, in cooperation with Bolduc Park and Laconia Parks and Recreation Department. Also, in May and June, we ran a golf lesson program for youth, in cooperation with Pheasant Ridge Country Club. Combined, we were able to offer a golfing instruction opportunity to 34 children and 13 adults. Who knows – we may have a future Tiger Woods right here in Gilford! Approximately 90 – 100 children got to expand their creative horizons and to have some fun in our summer arts and crafts program at Gilford Beach. Swim lesson instruction was given to approximately 200 kids over the course of two 3-week sessions. Again, due to

the lack of a qualified instructor on staff, we were unable to offer the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Program this past summer at Gilford Beach. While we manage to find an adequate number of available, certified lifeguards each summer, the shortage of such qualified individuals continues to make hiring a difficult process for all aquatic facilities around the lake and the state. Therefore, we must continue to pay our staff at comparable rates with other communities in the area if we are to be able to keep our beach open with qualified supervision. Forty children (ages 6 and up) and ten adults hit the courts for our summer tennis lesson program. Head instructor Curt Chesley and his crew did another outstanding job putting both the kids and adults through the paces during the four-week program. In December, we offered a Kids' Night Out Program to both children in grades 1 – 4 and grades 5 – 8. Run in cooperation with the Gunstock Inn, both evenings proved to be very popular, with a total of 49 participants. Activities included swimming, games, and arts & crafts. Plans for future programs, in particular for the middle school age group, are in the works for 2004.

As for other adult programs, the coed adult volleyball program held on Tuesday evenings at the Gilford Elementary School gym continued to be very popular, averaging 16 – 24 participants each week. Our men's drop-in basketball program on Sunday mornings at the Gilford High School gym also showed steady interest and attendance. During June, July, and August, we again offered a coed adult softball program. In spite of busy summer schedules, eighteen players were signed up, and bodies managed to show up to the field every Sunday evening. We again played a couple of games against a group from Moultonboro. The Gilford Pairs and Spares, the senior adult group, continued to be active throughout the year, meeting regularly twice a month at the Weeks Parish Hall at the Gilford Community Church. Our activities in 2003 included a bus trip to the Museum of New Hampshire History in Concord and a stop for lunch at the Weathervane Restaurant in Chichester; a cookout at Gilford Beach; a Halloween party; a Valentine's Day party; lunch at Pizza Hut in Laconia; a catered Christmas Party with Ellie Marie Murphy from Mike's ala Carte; craft activities; and a few potluck gatherings. Sadly, over time, we have lost a few of our regular group members, but we welcome and encourage new members to become a part of this fun, social group. We're pretty low-key, but we have a good time - so come join us!

A variety of annual special events and activities were sponsored throughout the year. At our annual Easter Celebration in March, approximately 135 boys and girls came to see the Easter Bunny and to be entertained with a performance by Mr. Phil & Co.. Special thanks to Sean Murphy for his "connection" to the Easter Bunny! Approximately 200 costumed children showed up at the Gilford High School gym to enjoy a variety of games and activities during our annual Halloween Party. Special thanks to the 8th grade Student Council members, the Gilford High School Interact Club, and to all our other volunteers who helped to make this event a fun time for all involved. The Bicycle Safety Rodeo in May, co-sponsored with the Police Department, saw approximately 25 children come out to get their bikes inspected and licensed and to test their riding abilities on

the bicycle skills course we set up. Unfortunately, we were rained out on two previous occasions, so attendance was down this year.

Gilford Beach continues to be a center of activity during the summer months. The 2003 season proved to be a fairly busy one, with a steady flow of vehicles passing through the gate daily. Once again, we had a lot of new faces amongst our staff of lifeguards/swim instructors, gatekeepers, and maintenance employees. Hiring for all of our summer positions continues to be a struggle, as we compete with all the communities in the area as well as the businesses. We are very proud and appreciative of the fact that we have such a true gem of a facility in Gilford Beach, and we sincerely hope to be able to continue to provide the services that the resident/taxpayers have come to expect there. The annual Water Carnival at Gilford Beach was a great way as always to wrap up our summer beach activities – the “Pirates of the Caribbean” theme proved to be a big hit with the approximately 100 children who attended. Willard Drew and Darlene Sherman again leased the operation of the beach concession stand for a second season, and they offered a varied menu to the hungry patrons of the beach.

The ice-making process at the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink proved to be a bit easier during the 2002 – 03 winter months. Actually, there were many days where it was too cold, and this in turn kept our attendance down. The rink opened officially for the season on December 28, 2002 and closed on March 16, 2003. Revenues from the supervised recreational skating and stick, puck, and helmet times increased to over \$900.00, up from the previous season’s total of only \$494.00. A heartfelt and special “thank you” to Gilford resident Lloyd Elkholtm for all his volunteer labor at the rink. He’s been a true friend of the facility for many years, and we dearly appreciate all his quiet, unassuming efforts to help us. As always, we hope for cooperation from Mother Nature and plenty of stable, cold weather for the 2003 – 04 skating season.

The general upkeep and maintenance of all of our facilities – Gilford Beach, the Gilford Ice Rink, the Village Field, Stonewall Park, and Lincoln Park - continues to keep us busy. While it is a pleasure to see the heavy use that all of our facilities receive, it often makes the tasks of mowing, trash pick up and disposal, repairs, and just the day-to-day upkeep a constant challenge. In 2003, we were fortunate enough to receive donations from the Varney Point Association, the Massachusetts Bass Federation, and Northern Bass Supply for use at Gilford Beach. Presently, we used some of the funds to purchase a new backboard (for use with neck and spinal injuries). Our plans for the balance of the funds in 2004 are to replace one piece of existing playground equipment at the beach with one or two other new pieces. Vandalism continues to plague all of our facilities, but we carry on with repairs and replacements as best we can. Please be sure to report immediately anything that you see at any time that could or does fall into the area of damage and/or destruction. We take great pride in our community and its people, and with your cooperation, we wish to continue to keep Gilford a great and safe place to live.

Ongoing issues that we continue to keep on the burner are an interest and need in expanding our youth/teen programs, expanding our athletic field

facilities, pursuing the development of a recreation path/lane connecting Gilford Village to the beach, exploring other potential uses for the ice rink, and developing/constructing a community center. While the timing and the funding of such projects/issues may never be appropriate, we certainly do not wish to lose sight of them. As we proceed into the future, we will continue to reevaluate these projects/issues and to update our goals and objectives.

We once again sponsored the series of summer concerts at the Village Field and the annual Christmas holiday concert by our very own Gilford Community Band. A big “thank you” to all the members of the band for another great year of music and entertainment! Also, a very special “thank you” to Jeanie Selig, Hayden McLaughlin, and the fine group of Gilford Middle School students for their outstanding landscaping job around our bandstand and for the Christmas lights over the holiday season.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets monthly at the Town Hall and the meetings are open to the public. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding programs, activities, and facilities. We also offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents, and energies to help with our endeavors throughout the year. Also, thanks to all of the local businesses that sponsor and/or donate to many of our programs and activities. We truly value your friendship and support – we could never accomplish what we do without all of you!

In closing, special thanks to the other Town Departments and to the schools for all their help and cooperation throughout the year. We are very pleased to have served the people of Gilford in 2003. At this time, we would like to thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to the challenges that 2004 will bring as we continue on our mission to provide safe, quality programs, activities, and facilities for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue King
Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Commission:
Cory Demko, Chair
Rick Nelson, Vice-Chair
Thom Francoeur
Jim Babcock
John Beland

REPORT OF THE GILFORD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 23, 2003 – the 84th Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration had finally arrived – and the sun was shining! The theme for this year's event was "GILFORD: THE ALL-AMERICAN TOWN." The Parade Grand Marshal was our own Esther Peters, and the day itself was dedicated to the memory of long-time resident, artist, and friend Loran Percy. We also had an additional dedication to all the men and women of the United States military, especially all those serving from Gilford. The traditional Gilford Rotary Club pancake breakfast at the Community Church and the parade in the morning were as popular and well-attended as always. In the parade, there were some outstanding floats, bands, color guards, mini-bikes and motorcycles, marchers, scouts, kids on bikes, National Guard vehicles, horses, oxen, antique and classic vehicles, politicians, and of course,.....lots of flags! The usual crowd packed the entire Village area, from the Library all the way up to the Benjamin Rowe House. After the parade, the Holy Cow Duo of Jeff Lines and Paul Warnick filled the Village Field with some great music from the bandstand. Bob Pomeroy, our ever-faithful Master of Ceremonies, kept things rolling with announcements, presentations, and his own special brand of humor. The Opening Ceremony featured the singing of the National Anthem by Megan McLean. New this year was the Crazy Maze Company who set up their portable maze on the Village Field. Kids and adults wandered in there for hours! The Pole Vault Exhibition, sponsored by the International Pole Vault Consortium, again attracted a big crowd as well. Another new item/activity was the Portable Adventures Rock Climbing Wall, which proved to be a big hit, as climbers young and old attempted to ring the bell at the top! The traditional games and field events for the kids of all ages took place in the afternoon, with a few new twists to the races. As the afternoon progressed, the crowd enjoyed the entertaining performance of "Judy Pancoast Kidpop!", a dance performance by the students from the Edgewater Academy of Dance, and a cheerleading demonstration. The pie-eating contest and the egg toss were well attended as always and provided a lot of laughs for the spectators. Both Piche's 5th Annual Kids' Fun Run Race and Piche's 26th Annual Road Race went off without a hitch. Unfortunately, the windy conditions did prohibit the RE/MAX Lakes and Mountains group from being able to offer their hot air balloon tether rides. After a brief dinner break, the crowd began to return to the Village Field, enjoying both a musical performance by the Moose Mountain Jazz Band and the traditional evening concert by our own Gilford Community Band. At the conclusion of the concert, the clear skies over the Village Field exploded with our biggest fireworks display ever – to the tune of \$12,000! The evening was capped off with a dance for all ages, featuring our good friend and Old Home Day supporter Warren Bailey as DJ. At about 11:45 PM, we shut out all the lights and dragged our tired bodies home to sleep! On Sunday morning, with the once again outstanding assistance from the Gunstock Nordic Association, the

entire clean-up process went quickly and smoothly. Hard to believe that another Gilford Old Home Day had come to an end!

We wish to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the advertisers, Town Departments, sponsors, and friends who once again helped to make this very special annual event happen. Plans are already underway for the 2004 celebration, scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2004. If you would like to be on the Committee or to volunteer in any way, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722. Helpers are always needed, and ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Be sure to mark your summer calendars now for August 28th !!!

Respectfully submitted,

Gilford Old Home Day Committee

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are pleased to report on the progress, services and success of the Gilford Public Library for 2003. We have sought to offer quality library services and programs to our “shareholders,” the residents and taxpayers of Gilford. Fully seventy-five percent or 4900 people are patrons at the library.

Circulation broke all records again this year with 87014 items checked out this year. This number is up from 78708 last year and 52442 five years ago. That’s a 60% increase!! In response to this phenomenal increase, we were able to hire Jolene Wernig on a part-time basis to help us put away materials and keep the library as orderly as possible.

Thank you to all who made monetary contributions to the library this year. The Friends of the Library group has been an active group supporting the library in programs, new services, and materials. In addition to their monetary contributions, they purchased a bench for our front porch in memory of long-time member, Conrad Teele. Members of the Samuel and Winnifred Smith family remembered Ellen Smith Page with memorial gifts for the children’s collection. Other monetary and memorial gifts that were received have added valuable materials and services for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Library programs for adults were enjoyed by many throughout the community. In addition to the traditional library services of a monthly book discussion and author visits, classes from using the library’s online databases to hearing about the travels of others were offered. In all, over 500 people attended.

Under the direction of Lisa DiMartino, young adults in our community also had opportunities to participate in monthly programs. Book discussions, movie nights, writing workshops, candy making, an interactive murder mystery night, and a most successful reading buffet with 63 participants were all offered in 2003.

Highlights of our children’s events for 2003 were our annual Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Read-a-Long, Mother’s Day Tea, May Pole, and another successful Summer Reading Program. Some 300 children participated in “Reading Rocks the Granite State”... 8 weeks of stories, games, and programs all focused on rocks, geology, and dinosaurs. We also initiated two library “quests” whereby youngsters and their folks went on a search for a groundhog and rabbit using a variety of reference resources. This fall, we started Grandparents and Books, a program for school age kids and older adults. We ended the year with gingerbread house making, holiday sing-a-long and a holiday reading program.

The Gilford Public Library website at www.gilfordlibrary.org was redesigned in 2003 with a searchable new book database and the ability to accept e-mailed renewals and suggestions for library acquisitions. The site is updated on a weekly basis with library news and programs.

Tina Randall in technical services has been busy adding, deleting, and re-cataloging materials. In all 6,568 items were added, 1,968 were deleted and many items were re-cataloged to storage to make room for the newer items.

Thanks to our volunteers. Our volunteers help us with everything from processing new materials to assisting with programs to cleaning and repairing materials. We would not be able to keep up without our hardworking crew!

The Library Advisory Committee has spent many hours in 2003 working for the future of the Gilford Library. Voters in 2003 approved withdrawing monies from the Library Capital Reserve Fund to aid in the planning of a new library. With this money, the committee was able to hire the architectural firm of Dennis Mires. They have provided guidance and plans for a new library.

After exhausting all possibilities of using town-owned land for a new library, the library advisory committee has recommended withdrawing capital reserve funds to purchase land on Potter Hill Road in the heart of the village. This will be voted on at this year's town meeting.

The Committee also interviewed and advised the Library Trustees to hire Bonnette, Page, and Stone as our Construction Manager. The Laconia firm has provided construction costs to finalize plans for a new library.

We look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Gilford and are excited in presenting to voters a plan for a new library.

Katherine Dormody, Library Director

Staff:

Judi Knowles, Children's Librarian

Anita Hewitt, Circulation

Tina Randall, Technical Services

Betty Tidd, Volunteer Coordinator

Lisa DiMartino, Young Adult Services

Library Trustees:

Polly Sanfacon

Tracey Petrozzi

David Buckman

Jean Clarke

Kim Slattery

**GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS REPORT**

Category	Balance 12/31/02	Receipts	Expenses	Balance 12/31/03
Children's Fund	\$280.16	\$2201.70	\$2374.40	\$107.46
Copier	1523.01	1410.10	571.80	2361.31
Fines	5405.48	5403.15	4632.38	6176.25
Gifts	132.53	5216.20	4439.48	909.25
Grants	(9.53)	857.44	667.49	180.42
Interest	183.15	11.11	50.00	144.26
Misc./fees	1644.02	2083.46	1997.11	1730.37
Remick Trust	(76.49)	107.00	0	30.51
Smith Trust	(504.87)	2745.00	1757.24	482.89
Town-Reimbursed Expenses	74.00	2580.67	2416.52	238.15
Calendar Project	94.24	1395.00	1549.31	(60.07)
Totals	\$8745.70	\$24010.83	\$20455.73	\$12300.80

Helen Howe
Memorial CD

\$7919.37

Lucille Allen
Memorial CDs

\$23465.36

Friends CD

\$8345.64

Library CD

\$5071.28

**GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
CIRCULATION STATISTICS 2003**

Number of Adult Materials Loaned	47787
Number of Children's Materials Loaned	40017
Number of Volunteer Hours	968
Number of Cards Issued in 2003	804
Total Number of Cardholders	4888

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During 2003, 26 single folks and 66 families, representing another 208 persons were directly assisted by financial relief, counseling, or information and referral services. Hardship and problems this year have continued to include medication expenses, illnesses, and a number of underemployed families, many of whom have never before had to seek assistance.

Most of these folks have also been eligible to receive State-Federal Welfare Assistance in the form of checks, medicaid, food debit cards and social services (524-4485). Federal Supplemental Security Income checks also help some persons with handicaps and others in low-income families (224-1938). The Julia Ladd Fund “for the worthy poor” is administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

There is an Energy Assistance Program at the Belknap County Community Action Center where fuel help is available (524-5512). It also facilitates a PSNH electricity discount program and maintains a food pantry for emergencies. It also maintains a Food Pantry for emergencies. The St. Vincent de Paul Society operates a food pantry along with its thrift store on 1269 Union Avenue (524-5470).

The Model Welfare Guideline, updated 1992 Edition, of the New Hampshire Municipal Association is the example for our own Gilford Welfare Guidelines earlier adopted by the Selectmen. These, used with understanding and discretion, best express our concern of “helping neighbors to help themselves.”

For any questions, or for a neighbor who might need assistance, please get in touch through the Town Office (527-4700) or at home (293-4990). Let us all continue to share our blessings through this year.

Thank you.

William M. Connelly, II, A.C.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Gilford Task Force on Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention was organized in 1989 to address the issues of drugs and alcohol use in our community. The Task Force is comprised of town officials, the Gilford Rotary Club, community leaders, educators, parents, students, representatives of social service agencies, and members of the general public. The meetings are held at Gilford Town Hall on the last Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM.

The mission of the Task Force is to unify community agencies and professional resources in order to provide community based, early prevention programs, and intervene for individuals at risk.

During 2003, the Task Force continued to work closely with parents, students, and community agencies to create awareness about the issues of drug/alcohol abuse prevention. Representatives from the Gilford Middle High School Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the Interact Club regularly attend meetings and report on club activities. The Gilford Rotary Club annually appropriates funds to support programs promoted by the Task Force. Funding support is also received through grants from the Gilford Police Department.

The Task Force sponsored a program for parents in October 2003 titled "Your Child and the Internet". The program featured Trooper William Cantwell from the New Hampshire State Police who discussed how parents could assist in keeping their children safe on the Internet. The Task Force also endorsed a "Mock Crash" sponsored by the Gilford High School S.A.D.D. Club, which helped students understand the dangers of drinking and driving.

The Task Force, in cooperation with the Gilford Parent Teachers Association, endorses "Safe Homes", a pledge by parents to provide a safe home, free from alcohol and drugs for youth. Over 130 families in Gilford have signed the "Safe Homes" pledge. The Task Force regularly publishes a newsletter for citizens.

Included here is a pledge form. Please join in our efforts to maintain a drug-free community by participating in "Safe Homes". The pledge form may be returned to the Gilford Elementary School, Gilford Middle School, Gilford High School, or the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in working with the Task Force, or would like to receive mailings of the quarterly newsletter, please contact the Gilford Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair

SAFE HOME PLEDGE

I PLEDGE to provide a safe home...

- I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home when I'm not there.
- I will not serve, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- I will not allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
- I agree to have my name appear on a Safe Homes list for distribution and publication in area newspapers.
- I will not allow the use of tobacco products under the age of 18 in my home.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Children's grade levels _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Return this form to:

Gilford Elementary School
Gifford Middle High School
Gilford Town Hall

_____ Please send me a list of others in our area who have signed the Safe Homes Pledge.

GILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

The Land Conservation Task Force was authorized by the Gilford Town Meeting and charged by the Board of Selectmen to inventory and identify areas of the community, which, by preservation, would maintain Gilford's rural character and scenic beauty, while simultaneously protecting our natural resources.

Many acres have been preserved in Gilford through the NH Land Conservation Program and the generous donations of conservation easements from local residents.

On behalf of the citizens of Gilford, we express our thanks to the families who have generously donated conservation easements. We encourage citizens to consider a conservation easement as a way to assure that land will be preserved for years to come.

During 2003, the Task Force has continued to engage in discussion with landowners who have an interest in land conservation. The Task Force is developing a monitoring system for lands on which the Town of Gilford currently holds easements.

Please contact the Task Force or the Gilford Board of Selectmen to discuss tax advantages in the donation of land for conservation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair
Russell Dumais
Douglas Hill, Esq.
Marjorie Muehlke
Steve Nix
Dawn Scribner
Nathan Smith
Jack Woodward

KIMBALL WILDLIFE FOREST COMMITTEE

The Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in May, 1990, with the charge to address the “remaining land” at Kimball Castle, which includes all the land of the Kimball Forest Property, excluding 20 acres surrounding the Castle. Two miles of trails have been completed on the property and were formally opened to the public in the Spring of 1992.

The trail system starts approximately 100 feet from the entrance to the parking area off Route 11. The trail is marked by blue rectangles with interpretive stations indicated by numbers. It is estimated that nearly 700 hikers a week make the trek to the top of Lockes Hill during the hiking seasons. Schools in the area make use of the trails for science and ecological studies, as well as the study of local and regional history. Over 1000 trail maps are distributed each year to hikers and students in our schools.

During 2003, the Committee continued to be vigilant in the management of the land in the Kimball Wildlife Forest through timber harvesting. Selective cutting was conducted to maintain the views on the property. A special thanks to the Restorative Justice Program for its assistance in picking up the brush that was left from trail clearing.

Anyone interested in working with the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee may contact the Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle

Sumner Dole

William Veazey

Joan Veazey

Bob Dean

Jan Dean

George LaBonte

Joel Sonnabend

Gail Tebbetts

Mary Jodoin

David Jodoin

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 2003

The polling place was readied with instructions in the booths, copies of sample ballots, instructions on voting and a copy of the town warrant were posted. Inspectors of Elections were Betty Helfrich, Shirley Snow, Barbara Carey, Georgie Wixson, Lori Ash and Sheldon Morgan. The Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow, was appointed by Moderator, Peter Millham Oaths of Office were given by Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Debra Eastman.

The vote tabulator had been previously tested by Wayne Snow and Debra Eastman and found to be working and in accurate order. The Moderator signed a receipt for 2,535 town and school district ballots. The ballot box was inspected and found to be empty and the zero tape was run on the vote tabulating machine. At 8 a.m. the Moderator read the town warrant from the beginning. He asked for a motion to permit him not to read the entire warrant. It was moved by Wayne Snow, seconded. The Moderator called for the vote and it was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the motion carried and the polls open for voting on article 1 through 5.

At 1 p.m. the Moderator signed a receipt for 61 absentee ballots and they were processed and placed in the ballot box. At 5 p.m. Joyce Papps, Barbara Dewhirst, Joanne Blais and Selectmen, Dennis Doten and Larry Routhier joined in service to relieve the election workers for dinner and to help with the tally of votes. The polls were closed at 7 p.m., votes were tallied and the results were announced by the Moderator. The results were as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

Selectman 3 year term

Douglas Lambert	661
J. Kinney O'Rourke	735 <u>Elected</u>

Write-ins:

Denise Morrissette	3
Sue Allen	1

Selectman 2 year term

Alice Boucher	871 <u>Elected</u>
Patrick Curtin	362
Joseph F. Hoffman	100

Write-Ins:

William Johnson	5
Jo McElroy	4
J. Kinney O'Rourke	2
Larry Routhier	2
Don Frost	1
Jo McErly	1
Doug Lambert	1

Overseer of Welfare – One Year Term

William M. Connelly **1121 Elected**

Write-ins:

Erica Johnson	7
Joseph Hoffman	3
Deb Robichaud	1
Steve Wainwright	1
Sue Greene	1
Johanna Veasey	1
Brad Bergeron	1

Fire Engineer 3 Year term

William Robert Akerley **1148 Elected**

Write-ins:

Ken Kneur	2
Pat Labonte	1
Joseph Hoffman	1
Robert Merwin	1
Mooney	1
Sherry Sleeper	1

Budget Committee 3 year term

Richard C. Hickok **728 Elected**

Leonore Pleeter 556

Donald A. Sibson **714 Elected**

Tracy Tramontano **698 Elected**

Write-ins:

Greg Dickinson	3
Richard Campbell	2
Joseph Hoffman	2
Doug Lambert	2
Dale Dermody	2
Joe Wernig	1
Ken Kneur	1

Kim Baron	1
Ted McKean	1
Bill McLean	1
Everett McLaughlin	1
Wayne Snow	1
Patrick Curtain	1
John McGonagle	1
Jo McElroy	1
Russ Dumais	1
Mark Bue	1
Bill Cott	1
Judy Cott	1
Doug Scott	1
Bonnie Carnival	1

Budget Committee 1 year term

Derek Tomlinson **1043 Elected**

Write-ins:

Don Sibson	4
Dale Dormody	1
Sue Green	1
Greg Dickinson	1
Dick Hickok	1
Doug Lambert	1
Douglas Dade	1
George Hurt	1

Trustee of Public Library- 3 year term

Jean M. Clarke **1001 Elected**

Kimberley A. Slattery **869 Elected**

Write-ins:

Doug Lambert	2
Judy Cott	2
Sandra Preiswork	1
Lisa Dimartino	1
George Hurt	1
W. William Rohr	1
Jayne Fernholz	1
Wendy Wilson	1
Robin Baron	1
Joseph Hoffman	1
Erica Johnson	1

Town Treasurer- One Year Term:

Greg Dickinson

98 Elected

Write-ins:

Joseph Hoffman	5
Paul Simoneau	3
Everett McLaughlin	2
Richard Campbell	3
Alan Demko	1
John Bell	1
Gerald Slagle	1
Lester Pleeter	2
Greg Goddard	1
Derek Tomlinson	1
Wayne Snow	3
Fred Wernig Jr.	1
Eston Ross	1
Dom Decarli	1
Sean Murphy	1
Lorraine Eastman	1
Steve Wainwright	1
Jennifer Carrier	1
Ray Vigue	1
Alida Millham	1
Bill Roderick	1
John McGonagle	1
Doug Lambert	1
Steven Selig	1
Carrier	1
Carolyn Scattergood	1
Jeffrey Duda	1
Carl Carder	1
Paul Simoneau	1
Larry Abikoff	1
Geoff Ruggles	2
Sandy McGonagle	1
Edith Rown	1
Richard Bean	1
Michael Eastman	1
Ken Wilson	1
Pat Labonte	1
Peter Millham	1
Tony Soprano	1

Joan McGonagle	1
Steve Grant	1
Cory Nazer	1
Bruce Wright	1
Eric MacDonald	1
Rick Nelson	1
Paul Sirrapa	1
Mike Barron	1
Tom Drouin	1
Caroyne Smith	1

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map as follows:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend **Article 4**, “Permitted Uses and Regulations,” by modifying Table 1 – Chart of Uses, by allowing **Section 4.4.1, “Warehouse and Wholesale Marketing”**, as a use permitted by special exception in the RC (Resort Commercial) zone whereas the use is currently not a permitted use in the RC zone. **(The Planning Board does not recommend this amendment.)**

Yes 315	No 933	Defeated
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Amendment #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend **Article 7, “Off-Street Parking”**, by striking out the existing first sentence of **Section 7.5.3.20, “Restaurant”**, and replacing it with the following sentence:

“One (1) parking space per three (3) seats, plus one (1) parking space per three (3) linear feet of bar space, plus one (1) parking space per five (5) linear feet of take-out counter space, plus one (1) parking space per 200 square feet of kitchen and service floor area.”

Yes 911	No 319
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Amendment #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the following articles to modify the definition of “home occupation”, to create a new land use and regulations for “home office”, and to create several new definitions:

A. **Article 3, “Definitions”.** Add new definitions for “Accessory Use”, “Employee”, “Home Office”, “Principal Use”, and “Use”.

B. **Article 3, “Definitions”.** Amend the existing definition of Home Occupation to clarify that such uses may be conducted by residents of the dwelling where the uses are located, that such uses are secondary to the dwelling’s residential use, and that such uses may be discernable outside the dwelling.

C. **Article 4, “Permitted Uses and Regulations”.** Add a new land use to the chart of uses as **Section 4.6.15, “Home Office”**, and allow said use as a permitted use in any zone.

D. **Section 4.7, “Description of Permitted Uses”.** Add a new land use description, “Home Office”, under **Section 4.7.6, “Accessory Uses”**, as item (n). This land use description includes language that describes under what conditions a home office is permitted and what constitutes a home office.

Yes 901

No 324

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the Floodplain Management Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? (This article would update and replace the existing Floodplain Management Ordinance.)

Yes 1015

No 212

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Building Code? (This article would adopt a local enforcement mechanism for the state building code as well as the International Residential Code 2000 with local revisions.)

Yes 941

No 261

ARTICLE 5. - “Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town (city) of Gilford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. **In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,000** and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person’s residence.”

Yes 1111

No 178

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECESSED TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12, 2003

The recessed town meeting began with Moderator, Peter Millham in the chair at 7 p.m. at the Gilford Middle High School auditorium. The Moderator explained that there were microphones on a stand in two aisles and asked voters wishing to speak to stand behind the microphones and he would then recognize them to speak. He read the results of the prior day's town and school district elections. Moderator, Peter Millham introduced those sitting on the stage as follows: Town Administrator, Phil Arel, Selectmen, Larry Routhier, Dennis Doten and Alice Boucher and on the other side, Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Debra Eastman and Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke.

The Moderator explained the general procedures that would be used in conducting the meeting.

He will recognize voters at the microphone and they will be allowed to speak for five minutes. Everyone will be recognized for five minutes the first time. If they wish to speak the second time, they will be recognized for two minutes. He asked that each person identify themselves for the record. He explained that he is able to move the question to a vote and does not have to rely upon a motion from the floor to do that. He explained that the Moderator may be over-ruled and how that would work. The Moderator reminded everyone that no personal attacks would be allowed and referred to his handbook. He announced the upcoming School District meeting and School play.

At this point, Joseph Hoffman asked to be recognized on a point of order. He explained that he took Winnepesaukee Yacht Club to court and asked that Moderator, Peter Millham remove himself as Moderator. Peter explained that he has been successfully elected by the voters since the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club case and stated he should not have to step down. The Moderator then asked for a sense of the meeting as to whether they wished for him to step down. The crowd responded with a resounding "no".

Police Chief Juris then asked to be recognized and reminded the Moderator of some business he wished to conduct. The Moderator told him he had not forgotten, but was going to do it at a later time during the meeting.

The Moderator read Article 6 as follows:

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of \$2,711,551 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4130	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 396,589
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	164,675
4150	Financial Administration	197,280
4152	Appraisal Expenses	144,860
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	1,232,106
4191	Planning & Zoning	194,698
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	246,673
4195	Cemeteries	4,100
4196	Insurance	73,000
4197	Lakes Region Planning Commission	7,570

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 6 as read. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. Kinney O'Rourke explained the details of the article and the increases included.

Joseph Hoffman moved to pass over the budget and operate under the prior year's budget. There was no second.

The Moderator asked for further discussion. There being none, he called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 7 as follows:

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,346 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations - Police	\$1,086,573
4220	General Operations - Fire	863,572
4290.1	Emergency Management	3,886
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	46,315

Budget Committee Chairman moved article 7 as read by the

Moderator. It was seconded. Kinney O'Rourke explained the expenses within the article and that it added two full time fire fighters and did not include a School Resource Officer for the elementary/middle school.

Police Chief, Evans Juris moved to amend article 7 to add \$23,094 for a total of \$2,023,440. Larry Routhier seconded the motion. Chief Juris spoke in favor of the amendment.

Moderator, Peter Millham explained that he was in receipt of a request for a paper ballot on this amendment.

Jack Stephenson spoke and stated that he is not totally opposed to the amendment. Steve Russell spoke in favor.

Dave Buckman asked the Moderator if the body could over-rule the need for a written ballot and he answered that the request must be honored.

Sue Allen spoke in support of the School Resource Officer. Joe Wernig spoke in favor. Don Onofrio reminded that the Budget Committee had recommended against the Officer. Doug Lambert spoke in opposition. Sandra McGonagle spoke in favor. Barry Grevatt asked why the amount requested was different from the figure denied by the Budget Committee and the Chief explained that part of the original figure would have been under Administration budget for workers comp, etc. Tracy Tramontano spoke in opposition. Dick Hickok reminded that the amount requested was for a six month salary, not an entire year. Bob Jordan spoke in opposition. Dennis Corrigan spoke in opposition. Everett Oeschlager spoke in favor. John Markland spoke in favor. Ed Redman spoke in favor.

Susan Leach moved the question. It was seconded. The Moderator called for the vote on moving the question. It was affirmative.

The Moderator explained the procedure for marking the Yes/No ballots. He explained that when the voting was done, he would continue with the meeting while the votes were being tallied. There were no objections. The balloting began. When everyone had finished voting, the Moderator continued with article 8.

The results of voting on the amendment were handed to the Moderator, which he announced at the conclusion of Article 12. The results were as follows: Yes 231, No 140

At that point the Moderator asked to go forward with article 7. There was no further discussion.

The Moderator read article 7 as amended, called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and he announced article 7 had carried.

The Moderator read article 8 as follows:

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,020,080 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$ 102,630
4312	Highways & Streets	746,366
4313	Bridges	50,000
4316	Street Lighting	17,422
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	165,835
4324	Solid Waste Management	417,222
4326	Sewer Department	503,551
4330	Laconia Water Works	17,054

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 8 as read. It was seconded by Alice Boucher. Kinney O'Rourke explained the increases in the article. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative. The Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 9 as follows:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 100,010 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4414	Animal Control	\$ 5,336
4419	Health Agencies	34,174
4441	Welfare Administration & General Assistance	60,500

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 9 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Larry Routhier seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained the items within the article.

Alida Millham explained the history of donating funds and/or equipment to the hospital over the last 40 years. No such donation is in this year's budget. The Moderator asked if she wished to make an amendment. She answered no.

Doug Lambert spoke about why the Budget Committee did not appropriate funds for the hospital and their practice of advertising and the costs associated with it.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative, and the moderator declared the article carried.

At this time the Moderator asked that the body pass over article 10, because he had a request for a secret ballot vote on article 10. The tallying of article 7 was not yet complete and he wanted to continue with the meeting. No one raised objection and voters indicated they concurred.

The Moderator read article 11 as follows:

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 312,427 for the following Debt Service and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 269,860
4721.2	Interest - Long-term Bonds	42,566
4723.2	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	1
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 11 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Alice Boucher seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained the article.

Bill Rohr noted that the warrant states \$312,428 and not \$312,427. The mover and seconded agreed to amend their motion to the \$312,428 contained in the warrant. The Moderator asked for concurrence and all were in favor. The Moderator again read the article to raise and appropriate \$312,428. There was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 12 as follows:

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$999,275 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	
	Capital Improvements – Police	64,000
	Capital Improvements – Fire	172,605

4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	
	Highway Reconstruction	\$ 728,575

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 12 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. Kinney O'Rourke explained the items listed in the article and the roads being addressed this year.

Robert Jordan spoke about the highway reconstruction and moved to amend the article by reducing it \$300,000 for a total of \$428,575. It was seconded.

Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan explained the roads involved, the budget process and his plan.

Jack Stephenson spoke in opposition of the amendment and spoke favorably about the Director of Public Works. Doug Lambert spoke in favor of the amendment. John Goodhue opposed the amendment. Kinney O'Rourke gave the history of Budget Committee's thoughts on highway reconstruction and their urging to do more and stated the Budget Committee is in favor of the expenditure. Bob Jordan clarified that he did not mean anything personal about the Public Works Director by this motion. Sheldon Morgan, Director of Public Works further explained the need for the expenditure. Dick Dumais discussed the condition of Cotton Hill Road.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator read the amendment and called for the vote. It was in the negative and he declared that the amendment failed.

At this point, the Moderator read the results of voting on article 7. (see article 7)

The Moderator explained that next he would take up article 10, and that he had requests for a secret ballot vote for both article 14 and article 15.

The Moderator read article 10 as follows:

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$391,407 for the following Culture, Recreation & Conservation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$ 161,141
4520.6	Skating Rink	7,340
4550	Library	215,000

4583	Patriotic Purposes	6,075
4589	Thompson Ames Historic Society	0
4611	Conservation Commission	1,851

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 10 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Dennis Doten seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained that the Budget Committee made cuts in both the Library Budget and the request of the Thompson Ames Historical Society.

Polly Sanfacon made a motion to amend the article by adding \$6,650 for the Library Operating Budget for a total appropriation for the Library of \$221,650. It was seconded. Polly explained the effect of the reduction recommended by the Budget Committee.

Katherine Dormody, Library Director spoke in favor of the amendment and made a comparison to another similar size town library. Doug Lambert asked if the budget contained a salary raise for the library. The Moderator asked the Town Administrator to clarify the salary increase within the library budget. Phil Arel, Town Administrator explained that there is a 1.8 percent cost of living and a 3 percent possible merit in all town department budgets. Doug Lambert spoke in opposition to amendment.

Don Carey spoke in favor of the amendment. Cathy Lacroix spoke in favor. Joe Wernig spoke in favor. Dale Dormody asked if the budget committee had arbitrarily cut any other budget. Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke stated that had not been done to other departments. There was no further discussion.

There was a request for secret ballot.

After the Moderator could see that everyone had voted. He continued with the discussion on article 10 and recognized Joan Nelson. Joan made a motion to increase article 10 by \$10,000 for the support of the Thompson-Ames Historical Society. Esther Peters seconded the motion.

Joan Nelson explained that the \$10,000 is for collection management, what is being done with the artifacts collected, the Rowe House, etc. Kinney O'Rourke explained the history of the requests and receipt of funds in previous years by the Thompson-Ames Historical Society.

Dick Campbell questioned the legality of the appropriation. He stated that since this is not an amount within the town budget and is not a special warrant article, he questions the legality of town meeting to appropriate these funds. Moderator Millham stated that it is not his province to decide the legal issue. Dick Campbell asked that his reservation be duly noted in the minutes of the meeting.

Doug Lambert presented the Moderator with a request for secret ballot for this amendment. Dr. MacDonald asked the body to trust the integrity of the meeting and refrain from all the secret ballots. Doug Lambert stated that he thought the work of the Budget Committee was being undone at this meeting. Wayne Domin asked if the three secret ballots— for article 10, and the others warned by the Moderator for Article 14 and 15 could be done at once. The body of the meeting overwhelmingly agreed. Therefore, the Moderator stated that he would give further instructions at that time, and agreed to proceed with the recommendation of the meeting.

Joan Nelson gave further information on request for funding in the past, explained what had been done with a grant received and the newly formed History Committee. She spoke in support of the amendment. Sandra Prieswert spoke in opposition of the amendment. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the Moderator put the voting on hold until the body was ready to vote on Article 14 and 15.

The Moderator then announced the results of the voting on the amendment to Article 10 to increase the Library budget by \$6,650. The results were as follows: Yes 268, No 76. The Moderator declared the amendment carried.

After article 18, the Moderator announced the results of the secret ballot to add \$10,000 for the Thompson Ames Historical Society collection management. The vote was 188 yes and 116 no.

The Moderator declared the amendment carried.

There was no further discussion on the article as amended and the Moderator then read the article as amended and called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried as amended.

The Moderator read article 13 as follows:

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Town Hall Facility Planning Committee to develop recommendations and a preliminary design for Town Hall expansion. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2004. (Recommended by the Selectmen & \$1,000 recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Selectman, Larry Routhier moved article 13 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Dennis Doten seconded the motion. Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved to amend article 13 to reduce from \$10,000 to \$1,000 as recommended by the Budget Committee. Don Sibson seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained that the Facility Planning Committee spent \$1,000 in 2002 and that the Budget Committee felt would be enough funds for 2003. Bob

Merwin, Chairman of the Facilities Planning Committee stated that the committee spent \$1,200 in 2002, explained the need and spoke in opposition to the amendment. Doug Lambert, member of the committee spoke in favor of the amendment. Police Chief Evans Juris spoke in opposition of the amendment.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was uncertain. The Moderator called for a standing vote. He declared the amendment defeated.

The Moderator read the article; there was no further discussion. He called for the vote, and it was in the affirmative and he declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 14 as follows:

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Library Capital Reserve Fund for land acquisition/assessment, design and engineering fees in the construction of a new library. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI (Recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Selectman, Alice Boucher moved article 14 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Dennis Doten. Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke stated that the Budget Committee had voted unanimously not to recommend.

Lisa Charest spoke in favor of the article and explained that the article would authorize the use of funds that had already been appropriated at previous meetings. Polly Sanfacon spoke in favor.

Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained the language contained in the article was recommended by the Dept of Revenue Administration. Dick Campbell stated he felt there were technical problems with this article in order for it to be non-lapsing. He stated that there is still a cost attached even if already in a fund. He further explained the definition of a library and the mission of a library. Dave Buckman spoke in favor of the article. He stated that since 1980 there has been 36% growth in Gilford. John Beland spoke in favor of the article.

Moderator Millham and others made suggestions to reword the article to make it clear and the Moderator stated that it should be specific. Mr. Rupert commented on the smaller hand out and the Moderator explained the warrant is in the blue pages of the town report. Dick Campbell explained that "to appropriate" means to give permission to spend. Several other suggestions were made on the wording and there was discussion that this was for \$25,000 and not double that amount.

It was moved and seconded to change the wording of article 14 to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 and to authorize it's withdrawal from the Library Capital Reserve Fund for land acquisition/assessment, design and engineering fees in the construction of a new library. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI.

There was no further discussion on the wording amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried.

Since a secret ballot vote request had been received, and the body wished to do the balloting at the same time, the vote was put on hold until after the discussion of article 15 as previously agreed.

At the end of article 18 the secret ballot vote for article 14 was announced. It was as follows:

Yes, 238 and No, 65. The Moderator declared article 14 carried as amended.

The Moderator read article 15 as follows:

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote: To strongly urge the Board of Selectmen to take all measures within their purview to promote and encourage the use of the Rowe House for School District administrative offices; and To authorize the Selectmen to convey title to the Rowe House to the Gilford School District; and Upon such transfer of title, to *rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c* (adopted under article 2 of the 1992 annual meeting) *“to restrict revenues from the lease and operation of the Rowe House. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Rowe House Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.”* And further, to transfer the balance in such fund to the Gilford School District to be used for necessary modification and maintenance of the Rowe House for the School District administrative offices. (By petition)

Doug Lambert moved article 15 as read by the Moderator. Dick Campbell seconded the motion. Doug Lambert spoke in favor of the motion. Dick Campbell urged the Selectmen to use Rowe House for school purposes, authorize the transfer and once transferred stated it does not make sense to continue the trust fund. He explained the reason for the wording of the article and spoke in favor of the motion.

Town Administrator, Phil Arel moved to amend article 15 by striking the last sentence, which begins: "and further" and replacing it with the following sentence: "The remaining funds would remain in the name of the town and the town will cooperate to make sure that they go to the benefit of the building, as intended." It was seconded.

Dick Campbell stated he supported the amendment. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried.

Mendon MacDonald spoke in opposition to the article. David Witham asked a number of questions regarding the square footage of the School Administrative Office in town hall, the Rowe House, Meadows property and Library building. He suggested the Library building would be a better site for the School Administrative offices.

June Osgood spoke in opposition to the article. Everett McLaughlin spoke in opposition. Pat Labonte spoke in opposition and suggested putting the School Administrative Offices at the Meadows property. Mike Balcolm spoke in opposition. Town Administrator, Phil Arel spoke in opposition.

The question was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for a vote on the question. It was in the affirmative. The Moderator explained that the meeting would now vote on the \$10,000 amendment to article 10, article 14 and article 15 by secret ballot. He explained that there are 3 different color ballots. One ballot was marked R House for article 15, one marked Library for article 14 and the third ballot with no marking was for the amendment to article 10. He cautioned the voters that they will still need to visit article 10 again to vote on the article, after the results of the amendment is announced. There were no questions, and the secret balloting began.

When the balloting was complete, the Moderator explained that article 16 was contingent upon the outcome of the vote for article 15. Therefore, the meeting will pass over article 16 until the ballots are tallied from the secret ballot on article 15.

At the end of Article 18, the Moderator announced the results of article 15. It was as follows:

Yes, 38, and No, 264. The Moderator declared the article defeated.

The Moderator read article 17 as follows:

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the

State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its biennial budget.

Town Administrator, Phil Arel moved article 17 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Dennis Doten seconded the motion. Phil Arel explained the purpose and function of LCHIP and the Governor's reduction of the LCHIP budget. He explained that Gilford's application was not funded due to the budget cuts.

There was no discussion. The Moderator read the article and called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 18 as follows:

ARTICLE 18. Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Gilford, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un – and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and

That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

(By petition)

Mary Frost moved article 18 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Mary Frost explained that since the article had been printed, New Hampshire now has the second highest health care cost and no longer the 12th highest. She explained that 150 towns have this resolution on their warrant and the need for a coalition to speak with one voice regarding this problem.

Doug Lambert spoke about the problems with health care and his own business experience.

Tracy Tramontano questions the wording and possible liability. Moderator, Peter Millham stated he does not think this article would hold individuals liable. Town Administrator, Phil Arel stated that it had been reviewed by town counsel without comment. Denise Sleeper spoke in favor.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the motion carried.

At this time the Moderator recognized Police Chief Evans Juris for a presentation to out-going Selectman, Larry Routhier. He was presented with a plaque. Town Administrator, Phil Arel also presented him with a gift. Larry thanked the community for an opportunity to serve as Selectman.

The results of secret balloting were then announced by the Moderator for the amendment to article 10. (see article 10)

The results of Article 14 were announced by the Moderator (see article 14).

The results of Article 15 were announced by the Moderator (see article 15).

After the defeat of article 15, the Moderator then went back to article 16, which was now applicable. He read it as follows:

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote in conformance with RSA 41:11-a, to authorize the Selectmen to lease the Rowe House located on Belknap Mountain Road to the Thompson-Ames Historical Society for an initial term of five years and one five year extension, under such terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman, Dennis Doten moved article 16 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. Town Administrator, Phil Arel spoke on maintenance of the Rowe House and the Thompson Ames Society.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator asked for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2003 Financial Reports

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Gilford, NH in Belknap County
For the Fiscal Year Ended in December 31, 2003

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from officials records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dennis J. Doten, Chairman
Alice H. Boucher
Kinney O'Rourke
Board of Selectmen
Gregory Dickinson
Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF REVENUES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
TAXES:			
Land Use Change Tax	18,910	18,910	0
Yield Tax	23,803	23,730	73
Excavation Tax	304	304	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	13,257	13,334	-77
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	130,827	164,189	-33,362
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
Business Licenses	56,977	56,409	568
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,310,540	1,583,563	-273,023
Building Permits	36,890	57,253	-20,363
Other Licenses and Permits	7,462	8,520	-1,058
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal Police Grants	6,528	6,528	0
FROM STATE OF NH:			
State Revenue Sharing	38,171	86,370	-48,199
Rooms & Meals Distribution	207,847	207,847	0
Highway Block Grant	181,164	146,961	34,203
Water Pollution Grant	26,590	26,590	0
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,477	1,477	0
Other State Grant Funds	0	0	0
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS:			
Administrative Offices	3,000	4,302	-1,302
Town Clerk's Office	5,532	5,734	-202
Police Department	126,900	168,767	-41,867
Fire Department	10,085	7,459	2,627
Ambulance Service	95,000	93,110	1,890
Parks & Recreation	19,860	25,175	-5,315
Skating Rink	743	823	-80
Planning & Land Use	11,915	16,136	-4,221
Public Works	650	1,792	-1,142
Solid Waste	89,770	111,460	-21,690
Sewer Department	503,551	432,362	71,189
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:			
Special Assessments	11,207	11,207	0
Sale of Town Property	62,254	73,533	-11,279
Interest on Investments	40,000	39,932	68
Rents of Town Property	4,180	4,184	-4
Insurance Dividends	34,000	7,288	26,712
Reimbursements	2,105	2,075	30
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
From Sewer Assessment	140,000	140,000	0
From Capital Reserve	25,000	25,000	0
From Capital Projects	0		0
TOTAL REVENUE:	3,246,499	3,572,324	-325,825

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
APRIL 1, 2003**

Land:

Current Use	1,053,445	
Conservation Assessments	0	
Residential	410,342,894	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>29,420,100</u>	
Total Land:		<u>440,816,439</u>

Buildings:

Residential	599,502,604	
Manufactured Housing	13,323,700	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>60,069,800</u>	
Total Buildings:		<u>672,896,104</u>

Public Utilities:

Gas	275,000	
Electric	<u>5,222,400</u>	
Total Utilities:		<u>5,497,400</u>

Total valuation before exemptions:	<u>1,119,209,943</u>
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Blind Exemption	90,000	
Elderly Exemption	4,248,000	
Disabled Exemption	<u>181,900</u>	
Less Total Exemptions:		<u>4,519,900</u>

Net Town Valuation:	<u><u>1,114,690,043</u></u>
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION 2003

Town Portion

Appropriations	8,609,841		
Less: Revenues	5,046,499		
Less: Shared Revenues	38,631		
Add: Overlay	198,455		
Add: War Service Credits	<u>62,200</u>		
Net Town Appropriation		3,785,366	
Municipal Tax Rate:			3.40

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	14,069,165		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	353,480		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>-4,549,602</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		9,166,083	
Local School Tax Rate			8.22

State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	4.92		
		924,715,762	
		4,549,602	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<u>1,109,192,643</u>	
State Education Tax Rate			4.10
Excess State Education tax to be remitted to State	0		

County Portion

Due to County	1,792,409		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>9,568</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,782,841	
County Tax Rate			1.60

Combined Tax Rate

Total Property Taxes Assessed	19,283,892		
Less: War Service Credits	62,200		
Add: Village District Commitment	<u>51,545</u>		
Total Property Tax Commitment		19,273,237	
Combined Tax Rate			17.32

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2003**

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4130 EXECUTIVE EXPENSES			
Elected Officials	70,579	69,896	683
Administration	303,260	292,575	10,685
Boards & Commissions	1,250	239	1,011
Other	21,500	18,229	3,271
Total Executive	396,589	380,939	15,650
4140 ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS			
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	159,950	153,056	6,894
Election & Registration	4,725	4,737	-12
Total Election, Registration, Vitals	164,675	157,793	6,882
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Audit	39,500	39,500	0
Information Systems	157,780	151,372	6,408
Total Financial Administration	197,280	190,872	6,408
4152 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	144,860	124,549	20,311
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	50,000	46,106	3,894
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Taxes	172,851	164,685	8,166
Retirement	175,283	201,444	-26,161
Employee Insurances	890,540	852,427	38,113
Total Personnel Administration	1,238,674	1,218,556	20,118
4191 PLANNING & ZONING	194,698	185,367	9,331
4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDGS	246,673	246,700	-27
4195 CARE OF CEMETERIES	4,100	3,750	350
4196 TOWN INSURANCE	73,000	71,788	1,212
4197 REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	7,570	7,570	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,718,119	2,633,989	84,130
4200 PUBLIC SAFETY			0
Police Department	1,103,099	1,159,753	-56,654
Fire Department	863,572	857,190	6,382
Emergency Management	3,886	2,734	1,152
Other Public Safety	46,315	44,303	2,012
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,016,872	2,063,980	-47,108
4310 HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			0
Administration	102,630	101,837	793
Highway Department	746,366	726,290	20,076
Bridges	50,000	439	49,561
Street Lighting	17,422	15,290	2,132
Vehicle Maintenance	165,835	155,569	10,266
Total Highways & Streets	1,082,253	999,426	82,827
4320 SANITATION			0
Solid Waste	417,222	437,108	-19,886
Sewer Department	503,551	432,362	71,189
Total Sanitation	920,773	869,469	51,304
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,003,026	1,868,895	134,131

4400	HEALTH AND WELFARE			0
	Animal Control	5,336	5,400	-64
	Health Services	30,174	30,174	0
	Welfare Assistance	60,500	51,127	9,373
	TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	96,010	86,701	9,309
4520	CULTURE AND RECREATION			0
	Parks & Recreation	161,141	153,576	7,565
	Skating Rink	7,340	7,234	106
	Library	221,650	221,759	-109
	Patriotic Puposes	6,075	6,064	11
	Other Culture & Recreation	10,000	10,000	0
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	406,206	398,632	7,574
4610	CONSERVATION	1,851	982	869
4700	DEBT SERVICE			0
	Principal - Long Term Bonds	256,788	250,000	6,788
	Winni River Basin	13,072	21,632	-8,560
	Interest - Long Term Bonds	42,566	19,568	22,998
	Interest - TAN's	1	0	1
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	312,427	291,200	21,227
4900	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
	Building Addition	10,000	1,738	8,262
	Cruisers	56,000	55,820	180
	Vests	8,000	7,913	87
	Administration Vehicle - Fire	29,364	27,839	1,525
	Ambulance Equipment	10,133	8,174	1,959
	New Equipment - Fire	14,581	14,275	306
	Fire Truck	118,527	118,527	0
	New Highway Equipment	34,095	49,676	-15,581
	New Highway Construction	728,575	694,278	34,297
	New Library	25,000	9,427	15,573
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,034,275	987,667	46,608
4939	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
	Laconia Water Works	17,054	18,483	-1,429
	Laconia Airport Authority	1	0	1
	TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS	17,055	18,483	-1,428
				0
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,605,841	8,350,530	255,311
	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			
	Gilford School District	13,406,266		
	Belknap County Taxes	1,792,409		
	Gunstock Village Water District	151,995		
	TOTAL	15,350,670		

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

<u>DR</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>PRIOR YEARS</u>
Unredeemed tax liens	\$250,320.65	\$121,632.94	\$28,089.07	
Liens Executed	\$247,879.47			
During Year				
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>\$19,902.54</u>	<u>\$22,618.33</u>	<u>\$32,833.39</u>	<u>\$3,953.91</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$267,782.01	\$272,938.98	\$154,466.33	\$32,042.98

<u>CR</u>				
Remitted to Treasurer	\$53,848.42	\$141,012.86	\$95,223.92	\$7,017.69
Interest & Costs Collected	\$19,902.54	\$22,618.33	\$32,833.39	\$3,953.91
Abatements	\$ 1,265.12	\$ 642.70	\$4,824.13	\$3,505.11
Liens Previously Deeded to Town		\$ 399.79	\$6,059.60	\$6,492.62
Uncollected Liens	<u>\$192,765.93</u>	<u>\$108,265.30</u>	<u>\$15,525.29</u>	<u>\$11,073.65</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$267,782.01	\$272,938.98	\$154,466.33	\$32,042.98

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, CMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

DEBITS			PRIOR
UNCOLLECTED TAXES	LEVY OF 2003	LEVY OF 2002	YEARS
Property Tax		\$ 889,383.29	\$2,696.00
Sewer Use		19,446.72	216.14
Gunstock Acres Water		15,103.27	812.00
Current Use			3,100.00
Capital Cost		26,557.00	
Yield Tax		1,444.50	
TAXES COMMITTED			
Property Tax	\$19,383,080.64	2,847.00	
Current Use	3,200.00		
Yield Tax	23,181.87	850.16	
Gunstock Acres Water	149,255.00		
Sewer Use	335,347.78	258,698.57	
Excavation Tax	304.42		
03 Betterments	129,545.57		
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	13,173.30		
Sewer Overpayment		20.65	
INTEREST & COSTS COLLECTED	<u>81,292.48</u>	<u>69,203.56</u>	<u>723.15</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$20,118,381.06	\$1,283,554.72	\$7,547.29

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

DEBITS			PRIOR
UNCOLLECTED TAXES	LEVY OF 2003	LEVY OF 2002	YEARS
Property Tax	\$18,060,338.33	\$888,846.75	
Current Land Use Tax	3,200.00		\$3,100.00
Yield Tax	23,181.87	2,211.53	
Gunstock Acres Water	131,840.81	13,718.27	
Sewer Use	306,134.71	253,762.81	198.52
Capital Cost		25,796.00	
Excavation Tax	304.42		
03 Betterment	115,314.05		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	13,173.30		
Abatements			
Property Tax	67,454.28	3,383.54	
Gunstock Acres Water	2,730.00	964.00	60.00
Sewer Use	482.71	24,403.13	
Capital Cost		761.00	
03 Betterment	68.15		
Yield		83.13	
Interest & Costs Collected	81,292.48	69,203.56	723.15
Deeded to Town Previously		90.00	90.00
Uncollected Taxes as of 12-31-03			
Property Tax	1,255,288.03		2,696.00
Gunstock Acres Water	14,684.19	331.00	662.00
Sewer Use	28,730.36		17.62
03 Betterment	14,163.37		
Total Credits	\$20,118,381.06	\$1,283,554.72	\$7,547.29

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, CMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

General Revenues Received:

10,689	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$1,466,756.00
1,363	Dog Licenses Issued	8,960.50
	Boat Permit Fees & Reports	99,594.69
541	Copies of Records	1,189.85
24	Bad Check Penalties Collected	625.00
45	Town Pins	135.00
141	Pistol Permits Issued	1,130.00
246	Fines Collected	11,085.00
1,030	Beach Admissions	2,060.00
1	Glendale Commercial Pass	1,000.00
9	Voter Checklists	205.00
8	Postage Reimbursements	219.15
125	Glendale Guest Passes Sold	3,275.00
4	Miscellaneous Fees	<u>241.00</u>
		\$1,596,476.19

Town Clerk Fees Remitted to Town:

2220	Titles Processed	\$ 4,493.50
81	Financing & Termination Statements	3,977.00
44	Marriage Licenses Issued	2,115.00
156	Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates Issued	1,516.00
8,819	Municipal Agent Fees Collected	23,634.00
51	Wetlands Applications	766.00
6	Filing Fees	<u>6.00</u>
		<u>\$ 36,507.50</u>

TOTAL REMITTED TO TOWN TREASURER **\$1,632,983.69**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, CMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2002

General Fund:

Cash on hand 1/1/2003	7,995,729
Total Receipts	24,234,943
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>25,312,330</u>
Cash on hand 12/31/2003	<u><u>\$6,918,342</u></u>

Conservation Fund:

Cash on hand 1/1/2003	110,159.35
Total Receipts	847.88
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>0.00</u>
Cash on hand 12/31/2003	<u><u>\$111,007.23</u></u>

Sewer Capital Cost Fund:

Cash on hand 1/1/2003	204,359.96
Total Receipts	1,448.97
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>104,000.00</u>
Cash on hand 12/31/2002	<u><u>\$101,808.93</u></u>

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

Created Name of Trusts	Invested	New Trusts	Principal	Withdrawal	Trust Balance	New Funds	Trusts End 2003	Inc. Balance End 2002	Income in 2003	Expended in 2003	Bal. Income End 2003	Bal. Inc. & Trusts End 2003
Various	Laconia Savings		\$134,839.24				\$68,147.33	\$2,758.90	\$25,126.90		\$45,779.22	\$180,618.46
2003 Cook, Franklin S. & Jean C.	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	\$400.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00	400.00
2003 Hart, David & Ann H.	Laconia Savings	\$800.00	\$800.00				\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.04		0.00	800.00
2003 Jacques, Fay A.	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	\$400.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00	400.00
2003 Murphy, Patrick F. & Ginga	Laconia Savings	\$800.00	\$800.00				\$0.00	\$1.06	\$1.06		0.00	800.00
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS		\$2,400.00	\$137,239.24				\$68,147.33	\$2,759.89	\$25,128.00		45,779.22	183,018.46
Misc. Town Trusts	Laconia Savings	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,250.00	\$1,808.86	\$41.35		\$0.00	\$3,100.21
1926 A. V. Lincoln - Lincoln Park	Laconia Savings	\$2,215.68	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$2,215.68	\$2,024.61	\$58.08		\$0.00	\$4,298.37
1968 Julia Ladd -Worthy Poor	Laconia Savings	\$5,185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$5,185.00	\$610.22	\$81.21		\$631.43	\$5,816.43
1969 Theodore & Elliot Remick - Library	Laconia Savings	\$5,323.00	\$560.00	\$0.00			\$5,883.00	\$543.61	\$87.80		\$63.00	\$6,451.41
1986 Samuel & Winnifred Smith - Library	Laconia Savings	\$16,448.75	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$16,448.75	\$1,983.45	\$291.59		\$0.00	\$18,723.79
1986 Daniel P. Rogers-Conservation	Village Bank	\$163,754.90	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$163,754.90	\$19,891.28	\$2,738.01		\$2,693.11	\$183,691.08
1991 Kimball Castle-Wildlife	Village Bank	\$194,177.33	\$0.00				\$194,737.33	\$26,862.03	\$3,298.04		\$2,816.11	\$222,081.29
Total Miscellaneous Trusts		\$465,496.96	\$50,000.00	\$0.00			\$515,496.96	\$116,264.39	\$9,916.91		\$0.00	\$641,678.26
Capital Reserve Trusts:	Laconia Savings	\$84,944.33	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$84,944.33	\$31,791.00	\$1,729.21		\$0.00	\$118,464.54
1989 Fire Equipment	Laconia Savings	\$1,866.47	0.00	\$0.00			1,866.47	46,567.36	755.52		\$0.00	49,189.35
1990 Highway Equipment	Laconia Savings	\$153,686.16	0.00	\$0.00			153,686.16	15,270.22	3,308.75		\$0.00	172,265.13
1994 School Air Conditioning	Laconia Savings	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00			0.00	3,702.15	15.39		\$0.00	3,717.54
1999 School Septic System	Laconia Savings	\$125,000.00	0.00	\$0.00			125,000.00	6,229.86	1,951.20		\$0.00	133,181.06
2000 Gilford Library	Laconia Savings	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00			0.00	6,482.68	85.20		\$0.00	6,567.88
2000 Business Park	Laconia Savings	\$100,000.00	50,000.00	\$0.00			150,000.00	6,221.12	2,071.64		\$0.00	158,292.76
2001 Special Education												
Total Capital Reserve Trusts		\$465,496.96	\$50,000.00	\$0.00			\$515,496.96	\$116,264.39	\$9,916.91		\$0.00	\$641,678.26

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

George Sawyer

Carolyn Smith

Greg Dickinson

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by, management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Gilford has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Gilford as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford. Such information has been

subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzík & Sanderson
Professional Association

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S
COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS
AND OTHER MATTERS**

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Gilford for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review, the following condition was noted that was considered to be a material weakness as defined above:

General Accounting Records

Our audit of the general accounting records disclosed that many of the trial balances of the various funds were not properly prepared for December 31, 2002. There were numerous accounts with unsubstantiated balances which had to be analyzed and, in many cases, removed from the financial statements. In addition, many of the prior

year adjusting journal entries had not been made until after we began the audit for December 31, 2002.

We spent additional audit time assisting the Finance Director in reconciling those accounts in order to prepare correct trial balances as of December 31, 2002. We now believe that the trial balances will be correctly prepared in 2003.

Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Group General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS						
Assets						
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 7,962,664	\$ 341,268	\$ 131,751	\$ 631,125	\$	\$ 9,066,808
Investments	58,225	44,407		374,660		477,292
Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)						
Taxes	1,246,667					1,246,667
Accounts	44,729	304,886				349,615
Special Assessments		537,049				537,049
Intergovernmental	23,686		123,654			147,340
Interfund Receivable	490,045	139,821		5,606,266		6,236,132
Other Debts						
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					3,357,769	3,357,769
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 9,826,016	\$ 1,367,431	\$ 255,405	\$ 6,612,051	\$ 3,357,769	\$ 21,418,672
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 27,523	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 27,523
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	202					202
Contracts Payable			155,876			155,876
Retainage Payable			41,827			41,827
Intergovernmental Payable	29,173			5,885,137		5,914,310
Interfund Payable	5,746,087	111,512	375,840	2,693		6,236,132
Deferred Revenue	36,642	550,923				587,565
General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable					2,741,499	2,741,499
Capital Lease Payable					337,906	337,906
Compensated Absences Payable					278,364	278,364
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,839,627</u>	<u>\$ 662,435</u>	<u>\$ 573,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,887,830</u>	<u>\$ 3,357,769</u>	<u>\$ 16,321,204</u>
Equity						
Fund Balances						
Reserved For Encumbrances	215,995	2,975				218,970
Reserved For Endowments				148,813		148,813
Reserved For Special Purposes				575,408		575,408
Unreserved						
Designated For Special Purposes		702,021				702,021
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>3,370,394</u>	<u>704,996</u>	<u>(318,138)</u>			<u>3,452,256</u>
Total Equity	<u>3,386,389</u>	<u>704,996</u>	<u>(318,138)</u>	<u>724,221</u>		<u>5,097,468</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 9,826,016	\$ 1,367,431	\$ 255,405	\$ 6,612,051	\$ 3,357,769	\$ 21,418,672

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

December 31, 2002

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes:

	Sewer Construction 1983-2003 Original Bond \$3,550,000.00	Municipal Building 1987-2007 Original Bond \$1,523,591.00	Cherry Valley Sewer Extension 1999-2017 Original Bond \$128,978.24	State Revolving Loan Fund - Sewer*
2003	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33	
2004		75,000.00	6,788.33	
2005		75,000.00	6,788.33	
2006		75,000.00	6,788.33	
2007		75,000.00	6,788.33	
2008			6,788.33	
2009			6,788.33	
2010			6,788.33	
2011			6,788.33	
2012			6,788.33	
2013			6,788.33	
2014			6,788.33	
2015			6,788.33	
2016			6,788.33	
2017			6,788.33	
2018				
	\$175,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$101,824.95	\$2,089,674.00*

NOTE: Municipal Building and Sewer debt issued through NH MunicipalBond Bank; Cherry Valley Sewer Extension debt issued through State of NH Revolving Loan Fund.

*This loan is still in the process of being drawn down.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 2003

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Gilford Library, 2 Belknap Mountain Road Land & Building (226-055)	\$ 324,900
Municipal Office Complex, 47 Cherry Valley Road Land & Buildings (226-054)	2,869,300
Glendale Parking Lot Land & Building (242-197)	229,100
Kimball Road Land & Building (215-025)	267,900
Glendale Town Docks Land & Buildings (242-183) Comfort Station	481,100
Durrell Mountain Road Land (234-001)	285,800
Durrell Mountain Road Land (232-002)	209,500
School District Elementary School School, Land & Buildings (227-132)	5,916,700
Middle High School School, Land & Buildings (227-127)	10,038,800
Land, Alvah Wilson & Belknap Mountain Road (227-013)	125,500
Land & Buildings 263 Intervale Rd. (224-018)	387,200
Land, 293 Intervale Rd. (224-018.1)	92,800
Land, Alvah Wilson Rd. (227-124)	37,100
Land, Alvah Wilson Rd. (227-125)	56,600

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Lincoln Park	
Land (242-212)	471,900
Stonewall Park	
Land (203-269)	12,900
Gilford Beach, 40 Varney Point Road	
Land & Building (223-417)	3,117,400

GREEN SPACE

Varney Point Road	
Land (223-500)	10,000
Schoolhouse Hill Road	
Land (226-030.100)	100
Saltmarsh Pond Road	
Land (210-033)	7,400
End of Orchard Drive	
Land (240-007)	1,100
Elderberry Drive	
Land (203-152)	100
Sherwood Forest Drive	
Land (229-031)	1,200
2679 Lakeshore Road	
Land (267-257)	700
David Lewis Road	
Land (212-008)	34,400
Doris Drive	
Land (228-031)	200

CONSERVATION LAND

Lake Shore Road Land (252-050)	32,200
Robert Tilton Land (Round Pond) Land (258-002)	184,800
Saltmarsh Pond Road Land (228-010)	7,200
Goodwin Road Land (227-116)	38,500
Clough Road Land (272-005)	20,800
186 Intervale Road Land (224-033)	1,300
39 Harris Shore Road Land (223-413-003)	30,500
31 Harris Shore Road Land (223-413.002)	60,300
174 Potter Hill Road Land (226-048)	101,600
109 Cherry Valley Road Land (226-048-100)	57,900
Kimball Wildlife Forest Land (242-369)	500
Land (242-371.100)	628,700
560 Belknap Mountain Road Land (236-020)	53,700
Land (237-002)	141,900

OTHER TOWN-OWNED LANDS

Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-126)	146,000
Gilford Avenue	
Land (204-003)	965,000
Off Belknap Mt. Rd.	
Land (227-132.4)	49,800

TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

Gunstock Acres Lots	
Land	
62 River Road (253-328)	4,500
86 Sagamore Road (252-162)	12,600
26 Foxglove Rd. (240-050)	21,000
3 Laurel Circle (240-037)	25,300
199 Cumberland Rd. (252-221)	23,200
30 Greenleaf Trail (253-049)	4,300
11 Silver Street (240-058)	22,600
139 Tate Rd. (252-191)	22,600
Mountain View Housing Cooperative	
Unit #2 (213-013.002)	13,700
Unit #15 (213-013.015)	4,700
Unit #325 (213-013.325)	11,000
Unit #29 (213-013.216)	7,400
16 Pine Grove MHP	
Building (224-046.016)	5,000
71 Briarcliff Road	
Land & Building (253-109)	130,700
344 Old Lake Shore Rd. - Unit 15	
Building (224-074.015)	55,500
89 Labonte Farm Rd.	
Land & Building (211-031.030)	583,800

TOTAL VALUE	\$ 28,448,300
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MARRIAGES REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
January 1, 2003	Anura Guruge Deanna P. Davis	Gilford, NH Conway, NH
January 4, 2003	Matthew Thomas Tondreau Sarah Anne Tweedy	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
January 23, 2003	John Joseph Ganong Brenda Lee Finemore	Laconia, NH Gilford, NH
February 7, 2003	Eric Alan Tanner Rishlene Nan Mooney	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
March 1, 2003	Thomas W. Porter Maria B. Tibbetts	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
March 22, 2003	Donald Michael Lamontagne Marcia Marie Pilotte	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
March 22, 2003	David Thomas Relf Mihaela Dimbean	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
March 30, 2003	Matthew Brent Lewis Kristie Lee Perreault	Laconia, NH Laconia, NH
April 25, 2003	Christopher Loye Anderson Jennifer Ann McNutt	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
April 25, 2003	Stanley Warren Whitney Jr. Beverly A. Williams	Laconia, NH Meredith, NH
May 3, 2003	Todd Caldon Rollins Rachel Katherine Flack	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 3, 2003	Russell Herbert Stone Jr. Noreen Kay Bullock	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 13, 2003	Michael Warren Palmiter Leah Judith Gleitsman	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 15, 2003	Kenneth Paddock Wilson Karen Sue Purington	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 17, 2003	Francis Mark Chmielecki Patricia Dorothy Gauld	Gilmanton, NH Gilford, NH

May 24, 2003	Christopher Joseph Leclerc Crystal Sue Bolduc	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 11, 2003	Karl Jeffrey Harvey Sandra Lorraine Boucher	Hartford, CT Hartford, CT
June 14, 2003	Robert Wichland Elizabeth Anne Disalvo	Sandwich, NH Sandwich, NH
June 21, 2003	John E. Shastany Linda Jean Hart	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 22, 2003	Benjamin Goodwin Blais Andrea-Sue Eva Theberge	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 22, 2003	Jeffrey Joseph Despres Lea Meredith Conserva	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 28, 2003	Daniel Louis Dempsey III Cindy Ann Silva	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 11, 2003	Jeffrey John Hill Barbara Ann Rollins	Bethesda, MD Bethesda, MD
July 19, 2003	Scott Matthew Aronson Doria Ann Dibona	Gilford, NH Waterville Valley, NH
July 19, 2003	Roland Maurice Carignan Patricia Anne Tarallo	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 21, 2003	Robert Francis Fecteau Sue-Ann Calitri	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 21, 2003	Leonard Thomas Hooper Amanda Lee Paradis	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 26, 2003	James Paul Bertolino Chantale Lucille Saucier	Gainesville, FL Gainesville, FL
July 26, 2003	John Donald Cameron Patricia Jacoby	Gilford, NH Pembroke, NH
July 26, 2003	Jason F. Wernig Dayna E. Clark	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 2, 2003	Creig Steven Lessieur Lysa Renee Gehrisch	Londonderry, NH Londonderry, NH
August 9, 2003	Blair Todd Anthony Suzette Jean Fraser	Pittsfield, MA East Greenbush, NY

August 9, 2003	Alan G. Paradis Heidi Lynne Williams	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 9, 2003	Stephen Daniel Ruda Christina Noelle Seed	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 9, 2003	Craig Raymond White Rebekah Ann Ross	Danbury, CT Danbury, CT
August 22, 2003	David John Dreher Sarah Colby Taylor	South Newfane, VT South Newfane, VT
August 23, 2003	Yasuna John Murakami Jennifer I-Wen Lin	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
August 30, 2003	Richard B. Ellis Lorene B. Leclerc	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 6, 2003	Mark Richard Dickson Kirstin T. Dumais	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 13, 2003	Barry Scott Leonard Jr. Heather Nicole Bean	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 20, 2003	Randy Jay Davignon Tracy Lynn Daigneault	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 27, 2003	Marc Robert Bourgeois Heidi Marie Noyes	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 27, 2003	Jason Nicholas Christofaro Martha Elizabeth Woods	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 2, 2003	Matthew Douglas Shaw Allyson Kimberly McLean	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 26, 2003	Timothy Roy Barker Heather Beth Wells	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
November 1, 2003	Andrew Charles Liakas Diane Elizabeth Gunnerson	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
December 25, 2003	Alessandro C. Borghese Hilary Ann Brawner	Houston, TX Houston, TX

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Final Burial
January 14, 2003	Leroy A. Mooney	Francis A. Mooney Venie Doucet	Blue Hill Cemetery Braintree, MA
January 24, 2003	Barbara Dorothy Colby	Charles H. Bolduc Aurora Thebargé	Union Cemetery Laconia, NH
February 28, 2003	Marjorie Jacobs	Samuel Tilley Florence May Tilley	Blossom Hill Cemetery Concord, NH
March 29, 2003	Rev. Parkman Dexter Howe, Jr.	Parkman D. Howe, Sr. Grace Cummins	McCoy Cemetery Gilford, NH
April 4, 2003	Roger Ernest Thibodeau	John Thibodeau Simone Cognac	Winnepesaukee River Crem Northfield, NH
April 6, 2003	Michael Joseph Moussette	Lionel J. Moussette Jeanne Richard	St. Lambert Cemetery Laconia, NH
April 17, 2003	Jean Carol Cook	Frank Marino Margaret Furbush	Pine Grove Cemetery Gilford, NH
April 24, 2003	Ruth Claire Kimball	Alfred Griffin Anna Hodnut	Winnepesaukee River Crem Northfield, NH

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Final Burial
July 7, 2003	Jacek Wawrzynski	Janusz Wawrzynski Barbara Piekarska	Winnepesaukee River Crem Northfield, NH
August 1, 2003	Robert Francis Fecteau	Francis D. Fecteau Doris M. Gay	Sacred Heart Cem Laconia, NH
September 6, 2003	Norman GB McLetchie	David McLetchie Jane Leslie	Union Cemetery Sanbornton, NH
September 25, 2003	Ralph Clayton Chase	Jacob Chase Harriet Stevens	NH State Veterans Cemetery Boscawen, NH
October 21, 2003	Mary Lucille Dorrington	Frederick Meyer Lucille Maxwell	Unknown

Annual Report
of the
School District
of the town of
GILFORD
New Hampshire

for the year ending

June 30, 2003

OFFICERS OF THE GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator

John Cameron

Clerk

Melanie Brierly

Treasurer

Paul Simoneau

Auditors

Plodzick, & Sanderson

SCHOOL BOARD

James Annis, Chairperson	Term Expires 2004
Paul Blandford, Vice Chairperson	Term Expires 2005
Margo Weeks, Clerk	Term Expires 2004
Susan Allen	Term Expires 2006
Kevin Hayes	Term Expires 2006

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ralph J. Minichiello (Interim)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

Scott Isabelle

Regular meetings of the School Board
First and Third Monday of Each Month
6:00 P.M. - Gilford Elementary School

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003 10:00AM
GILFORD MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**

The inhabitants of the Gilford School District of Gilford in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on district affairs, gathered on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilford Middle-High School Auditorium.

School District Moderator John Cameron called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The non-residents present on behalf of the school district were introduced. Mr. Cameron expressed his thanks to everyone who had contributed to the preparations for the day's meeting. Students who were assisting with microphones, sound and technology were recognized and thanked as were firefighters and policemen who were present in the interest of public safety. Moderator Cameron proceeded to read the review the results of the March 11, 2003 election:

School Board Three Year Term:

Susan D. Allen 824 Elected

J. Kevin Hayes 765 Elected

Kent Baron 328

William J. McLean III 324

Denise A. Morrisette 407

Write-Ins:

Wayne Snow 2

Oliver Grosz 1

Jeff Bonan 1

George Hurt 1

Sue Greene 1

John Goodhue 1

Kim Baron 1

Robin Baron 1

School District Moderator

John Cameron 1111 Elected

Write-ins:

Joseph Hoffman 2

Doug Lambert 1

John Kitchen 1

Peter Millham 1

Ray Vigue 1

School District Treasurer One Year Term:

Paul R. Simoneau 1146 Elected

Write-ins:

Doug Lambert 1

Tim Saunders 1

Joseph Hoffman 1

School District Clerk One Year Term:

Melanie L. Brierly 1096 Elected

Write-ins:

Joseph Hoffman 2

Doug Lambert 1

Everett McLaughlin 1

Karen Bianco 1

Mr. Cameron shared information regarding upcoming school events. These ranged from the middle school community night to the upcoming GMHS play entitled *All My Sons*. School Board Vice-Chairperson Jim Annis recognized outgoing School Board members Kent Baron and Bill McLean. Both were publicly thanked for their service to the Gilford School District and the young people of the community.

The body stood in pledge of allegiance to the flag. Moderator Cameron reviewed the meeting procedures and ground rules that would be followed.

Article I - District Officers Salaries: *To see if the School District will set the salaries of District Officers for the coming year as follows:*

Moderator:	\$ 100.00
District Clerk:	20.00
Chairperson, of School Board	1,500.00
School Board Members (4) each	1,000.00
District Treasurer	1,600.00

School Board member Kent Baron moved the question. Paul Blandford seconded the motion. Budget Committee Chairperson Kinney O'Rourke was called upon. Mr. O'Rourke recognized and publicly thanked the members of the budget committee for their work on the budget. On behalf of the Budget Committee he recommended that the meeting approve Article I. No comments were offered and Article I was approved as read on a voice vote.

Article II – School District Reports: *To see if the School District will approve the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees as printed in the 2002 Town Report.* Paul Blandford moved Article II. Kent Baron seconded the motion. Article II was approved on a voice vote.

Article III – Gilford-Gilmanton AREA Agreement: Moderator Cameron noted that Article III would be voted on by ballot following discussion. The ballot voting procedures were again reviewed. Moderator Cameron read the Article: *Shall the amended articles of the AREA Agreement as approved for submission by the State Board of Education on January 15, 2003 and on file with the district clerk be approved by the School District?* Kent Baron moved the Article. Jim Annis seconded the Article. Mr. Baron spoke in support of the article. Citizen comment followed. Richard Campbell and Kevin Hayes spoke in support of the Article, and Joseph Hoffman spoke against the Article. Hearing no further comments, Moderator Cameron re-read the Article and opened the polls for the ballot vote.

Moderator Cameron resumed the meeting (while the ballots were being counted).

Article IV – Gilford Middle-High School Roof Repairs: Article IV, a Special Warrant Article for roof repairs was read: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the repair and improvement to the existing Gilford Middle-High School roof.* Jim Annis moved that the Article be approved. Margo Weeks seconded the motion. Jim Annis provided information to the voters on the Article. Budget Committee Chairperson Kinney O'Rourke brought forward the Budget Committee's recommendation for approval of

the Article. Joseph Hoffman spoke in opposition to the Article. Mr. Miller questioned why this article was being brought forward and not included in the overall bond issue? Mr. Annis explained that the FPC II Committee had not recommended that the roofing project be included in the original project in order to save money at that time. The Article was approved on a voice vote.

Article V – Citizen Petition—Rowe House: Moderator Cameron informed the meeting that they would not be addressing Article V today as it is moot in light of recent town meeting vote relative to the Rowe House fund.

The meeting moved on to Article VI – School District Office: Mr. Cameron read this Special Warrant Article: *to see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Forty Two thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$142,255) for the repair and renovation of the Rowe House or the Meadows Farm House, as the school board may determine for use as School District Offices.* Paul Blandford made the motion that the Article be tabled. Margo Weeks seconded the motion. Mr. Blandford spoke to this issue. He explained that this action is being taken in light of the different options that exist for the district in locating school district offices that warrant further study. Kinney O'Rourke acknowledged that while the Budget Committee had originally recommended approval of this article, he felt that there would be general support for tabling this action at this time in light of the town's recent vote. Mr. Cameron re-read the article. The motion to table was approved on a voice vote.

Article VII – Capital Reserve Expenditure: Mr. Cameron read this Special Warrant Article. *To See if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000) to repair and/or replace the original air conditional units at Gilford Middle-High School, and to withdraw \$165,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose.* Jim Annis made the motion that the meeting approve this Article. Margo Weeks seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke shared the Budget Committee's view in recommending approval of this Article. Specifically, taking the money from the Capital Reserve Fund that has already been set aside for this purpose to do as much or all of the repairs as possible. Charles Clark questioned the wording of the Article in spending "up to" the \$165,000? Attorney Barbara Loughman explained the rationale and wording of the Article. Joseph Hoffman expressed disagreement with Attorney Loughman's opinion. Bruce Wright spoke in support of the Article. He noted that replacement of the air conditioning units was not part of the original bond proposal. Moderator Cameron re-read the Article. It was approved on a voice vote.

Article VIII – Unfunded Mandates: Moderator Cameron read the Article: *Whereas New Hampshire School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas New Hampshire School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the*

local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets: Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the Gilford School District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under-funded federal educational mandates, including but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws. Bill McLean moved that the Article be approved as read. Margo Weeks seconded the motion. Bill McLean explained the Board’s position in joining with other school boards across the state to express concerns over unfunded federal mandates. Mark Wright brought clarification in regard to special education and the No Child Left Behind Act funding. Student Services Coordinator Esther Kennedy addressed the question. Mr. Wright sought consideration for possibly amending the Article in order not to jeopardize the current federal IDEA funds being received. Mr. McLean explained the Board’s emphasis was on unfunded mandates versus IDEA and/or the No Child Left Behind Act. Mr. Hoffman sought clarification concerning “grandfathered” rights. Attorney Loughman responded clarifying the difference between No Child Left Behind and the Board’s intent in focusing on unfunded mandates. Mr. Hoffman suggested the District should seek the balance due in light of this federal obligation. Mr. Hoffman sought to table the item in order to obtain further clarification. Betsy Domin questioned whether education was a federal mandate? She offered the comment that the federal government was not “they” but “us” and it represents our tax dollars either way. Mr. McLean noted that obligation to provide an education is a state responsibility. Moderator Cameron noted that while Mr. Hoffman had made a motion to table the Article, the motion had not been seconded. He re-read and called for a vote of the original Article as motioned and seconded. It was approved on a voice vote.

Moderator Cameron reported on the results of the ballot vote on Article III—The Gilford-Gilmanton AREA Agreement: 225 Yes votes; 23 No votes. Article III passed.

Article IX – Multi-Year Teachers Agreement: Moderator Cameron announced that following discussion, Article IX would be voted on by ballot vote at the request of the School Board, and in light of several citizen requests that he had received, the polls would be open for an hour to allow for voting on this Article. Mr. Cameron proceeded to read the Article: *To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Gilford School Board and the Gilford Education Association. This agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2003-2004	\$605,015
2004-2005	\$640,364
2005-2006	\$700,904

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Five Thousand, Fifteen Dollars (\$605,015) for the 2003-04 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

The article was moved by Bill McLean and seconded by Kent Baron.

Mr. McLean provided the meeting with a presentation outlining the cost of this proposed contract, comparative information on other district salary and benefit levels, and an explanation of the board's rationale in seeking community support for this contract. Budget Committee Chairperson Kinney O'Rourke spoke to the Article. He reported that the Budget Committee had been divided over this proposal and had voted not to recommend it. Alice Boucher spoke in support of the District's teachers. She shared her concerns over the (8% over three years) size of the increase. Bill Phillips spoke in opposition to the Article. He questioned who had prepared one of the handout documents? Mr. McLean responded that it was prepared by the Gilford Education Association (GEA) as noted in the top of the document. Mary Frost spoke in support of the proposed contract and the quality of Gilford Schools. Mike Tocci spoke in support of the contract and the teachers with whom he has had direct experience in working with. Joseph Hoffman spoke in opposition to the proposed teachers contract. Kevin Hayes and Jack Woodward spoke in support of the Article. Richard Campbell spoke against the Article. Stephen Russell, Karen Bianco, Mark Petrozzi, Derek Tomlinson, and Allen Demko spoke in support of the Article. Jackie Abikoff and Joe Geraci spoke in support of the motion. Sue Leach moved that the Article be voted. Moderator John Cameron reported that he would hold the motion in abeyance in accordance with the ground rules and until such time as there were no other people waiting at the microphone to speak. Betsy Domin spoke in support of the Article. She shared information regarding a previous merit pay committee study. Dick Hickok spoke in opposition to the Article in light of the Budget Committee's work and the high overall increases in the school budget. Doug Scott and Bill Johnson spoke in support of the Article. Jordan Tankard, a former Gilford student shared his views in support of the teachers contract. Kevin Hayes spoke again in support of the contract. He shared information in response to previous comments. Moderator Cameron re-read the Article. The polls were opened at 1:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. the meeting proceeded while the votes were counted.

School Board member and District Construction Committee representative Paul Blandford provided the meeting with an update on the middle school building construction project that is underway. He noted that the project is on time and on budget, despite the challenges that had been experienced earlier in the fall.

Article X – Authorization for Special Meeting: Mr. Cameron read the Article: *In the event that Article IX (Teachers Contract) is defeated, shall*

the School District authorize the Gilford School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IX cost items only? Margo Weeks moved the Article as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Annis.

Mr. Hoffman shared his views in regard to Article III (AREA Agreement) alleging discrimination in that the polls were not open for one hour during the vote on Article III. He went on to discuss Article III. He sought reconsideration of Article III through a special school district meeting. Moderator Cameron ruled him out of order because the meeting was addressing Article X. He advised Mr. Hoffman that once consideration of Article X was completed that his motion for reconsideration of Article III would be considered.

No further citizen comments were offered. Article X was re-read and approved on a voice vote.

Mr. Hoffman made the motion to “give reconsideration at a special school district meeting at a later date, preferable June or July of 2003, to address the ambiguity of the AREA Agreement made available in the last couple of weeks.” Moderator Cameron advised Mr. Hoffman that this motion would need to be succinct and placed in writing for meeting consideration. He advised Mr. Hoffman that any reconsideration would need to take place at today’s meeting.

A citizen called for a point of order, noting that the Articles listed in the town report was numbered differently from the Articles as they were being taken up at the meeting. Attorney Loughman noted that Article numbering had changed since it had been printed in the town report. She explained that it was correct as posted and being brought forward at the meeting.

Article XI – General Budget Funds: Moderator Cameron read the Article: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Million, Six Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$16,637,408) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This Article is inclusive of the costs in Article I, but does not include the amounts in Articles IV, V, VII, IX.* Jim Annis moved the Article. Margo Weeks seconded the motion. Kinney O’Rourke addressed the Article on behalf of the Budget Committee. He moved that the budget amount be amended to read *Sixteen Million, Five Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars*. The motion to amend was seconded from the floor of the meeting. Mr. O’Rourke explained that the difference in the School Board’s and the Budget Committee’s amounts reflected the Budget Committee’s recommendation not to include funding for a new high school guidance counselor position. School Board Chairperson Bill McLean spoke in opposition to the amendment, outlining the School Board’s position in support of the guidance counselor position. Joe Geraci moved that Mr. O’Rourke’s amendment be amended to include funds to support an 8% increase in support staff salaries, specifically in the amount of Sixteen

Million, Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Four Dollars. Moderator Cameron sought further information in regard to the further motion to amend. He explained that at the present time the Budget Committee's amendment was under consideration. Given the earlier ground rules outlined, Mr. Geraci agreed to withdraw his motion to amend the amendment at the present time. No further citizen comment was offered. Mr. O'Rourke re-read the amendment. Moderator Cameron called it to a voice vote. Given uncertainty over the outcome, he asked those opposed and then those in favor of the amended motion to please rise. Mr. Cameron ruled that the motion was defeated based on the standing vote count. The meeting took up the original General Budget Fund motion in the amount of Sixteen Million, Six Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Eight Dollars. (\$16,637,408). Mr. Geraci brought forward the motion to amend the Article to Sixteen Million, Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Four Dollars (\$16,637,408) in support of an 8% increase in support staff wages. He explained his intent in allowing the support staff to have an 8% increase. Mr. Hoffman spoke in opposition to the amended motion. Kevin Hayes sought information from the School Board in regard to what portion of the increase would be for salary and which would be for benefits. Superintendent Steve Russell outlined the School Board's original intent to grant 4%-7% employee raises, which were reviewed and agreed upon through the Budget Committee process to 3%. Mr. Hayes sought further information regarding the health insurance benefits/plan provided to support staff. Assistant Superintendent for Business Scott Isabelle responded in regard to plans currently being offered. Mr. Geraci explained how the \$60, 296 figure was arrived at. Bill Klubben asked the board if the amended motion were approved whether the funds go to the support staff as intended. (Affirmation nods from school board members were acknowledged.) Jack Woodward spoke in opposition to the amendment. He clarified that he was not against support staff getting raises, but the procedure currently taking place. Derek Tomlinson expressed disagreement with Superintendent Russell's reference to 3%. He explained that as a member of the budget committee, it had been their intent to reduce the budget by 1% of the range allowed. Mr. Hoffman shared his views. He questioned how much Gilmanton was paying. Mr. Geraci spoke in support of his amendment. Mr. McLean explained that it would be the board's intent to follow the spirit of the meeting should this amended motion be approved in the expenditure of funds for this purpose. Mary Frost sought clarification of what is meant by support staff? Mr. McLean responded that it is custodians, food service workers, teacher assistants/aides, and staff not covered by the collective bargaining agreement. Kevin Hayes questioned whether the approval of this amendment would bind the board to an 8% raise for support staff. Mr. Cameron replied that it would be considered as reflecting the intent of the meeting only. Mr. McLean agreed. Mr. Hoffman sought information regarding the number of part-time and full-time support staff employees?

Mr. McLean responded that it involved approximately 70 employees. Mr. Hoffman sought further clarification. Scott Isabelle responded regarding the number of teachers, support staff, and other personnel. Karen Bianco sought information regarding what support staff do and how the school would be affected if “they did not exist.” GES Principal Mike Tocci responded, explaining the role the support staff played within the schools. Dick Hickok spoke in opposition to the amendment, citing the Budget Committee process that has been utilized and the work done between the Budget Committee and the School District. Joe Geraci spoke in support of his amendment. Dick Hickok spoke in opposition to the amendment. No further comments were offered. Moderator Cameron re-stated the motion to increase the school board recommendation by the sum of \$60,296 to a total of \$16,697,704 in order to provide up to an 8% increase to support staff. The motion to amend was defeated on a voice vote. The main motion was considered. Mr. Cameron read the motion *To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,637,408 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This Article is inclusive of the cost in Article I, but does not include the amounts in Articles IV, V, VI, VII, and IX.* No further comments were offered. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mr. Hoffman’s motion “to reconsider Article III at a special town meeting to be held in June or July of 2003, because the Gilford voters were not properly forewarned on Article III” was brought forward. A citizen from the floor seconded the motion. Mr. Hoffman spoke in support of his motion for reconsideration. Mark Wright spoke in opposition to Mr. Hoffman’s motion. Mr. Hickok moved the question. Moderator Cameron re-read the motion and called for a voice vote. The motion was defeated on a voice vote.

Moderator Cameron read the results of the vote on Article IX on the Teachers Contract. 504 votes were cast. 377 were cast in favor; 127 were cast against. The motion passed.

Moderator Cameron asked if there was any other business to come to the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Paul Blandford and seconded by most everyone present. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Allen, School District Clerk

Christine Tebbetts, Acting School District Clerk

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

As another year comes to a close it is time to reflect on a year that continues to demonstrate the commitment of the community to Gilford's students, staff and educational environment. 2003 will forever be remembered as the year the Gilford Middle School became reality to the students, staff, administration, and most importantly, to the taxpayer, who made the commitment and made it happen. As important a milestone as this may be, it should not overshadow the continued commitment made by the community in its support of the new three year teachers contract negotiated to address the district's deteriorating salary base and the Gilford/Gilmanton AREA agreement. It is clear that the community has recognized that its ability to attract quality educators is directly related to the high quality of education it wishes to provide. From the staff, administration and most of all, the students, thank you for your resolve and financial commitment.

With all the positive events for the middle school, the elementary school was shaken by the news that Principal Michael Tocci would not be returning for the 2004/2005 school year. In his tenure Mr. Tocci built an innovative, award winning elementary educational program that is known throughout New England as one of the best. We thank Mike for all he has done for the education of our children and his contribution to the Gilford School District. The elementary school received its own share of positive news as Assistant Principal Sandra McGonagle was named New Hampshire's Assistant Principal of the Year.

As the doors of the Gilford Middle School opened for its first year, on September 8, 2003, students, staff and administration began the exciting task of becoming acquainted with their new environment. We welcome Ken Roy to Principal James Kemmerer's administrative team, as Assistant Principal. He will be a great asset to the administrative team as we move forward.

The high school is still in the throws of "phase two" of the construction project. With the new wing completed as well as a portion of the second floor, the experience of actual classrooms has revitalized both students and facility in anticipation of the completion of the construction project this summer and their new environment. Under the leadership of Interim Principal William Marston we continue to move forward in addressing our accreditation status and the implementation of the department head model, which will provide oversight to curriculum coordination and the overall evaluation process.

Under the leadership of Interim Superintendent Ralph Minichiello, the district has continued to monitor and investigate alternatives, to

issues that impact the taxpayer; issues such as “No Child Left Behind” and rising health insurance costs that carry devastating financial impact. Through our efforts to control expenditures and generate revenue, the district was able to return to the taxpayer a total of \$241,924 dollars. These funds were a result of unanticipated revenues of \$186,896 dollars and unexpended funds of \$55,028 dollars. It is very gratifying to be able to give back to those who give so much.

On behalf of the school board, I would like to thank the communities of Gilford and Gilmanton for their continuing support and contributions to the education of our children. Without your commitment and dedication we could not succeed. We also express our thanks to all employees of the Gilford School District for their tireless support and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Annis
Chairman

GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Annual Report

This year has brought about major changes for our school; the obvious is the construction of a new middle school and the separation of grades six through eight from grades nine through twelve. Although there are still some “finishing touches” in the middle school to complete and renovations to the high school will continue throughout the year, the programs are all running, and students and staff are able to function effectively even though construction is taking place in the high school each day. The opening of the new middle school and the resulting physical separation from the high school has been rewarding for both student populations. The high school is far less crowded, hallways are quieter, and classrooms now have doors and floor-to-ceiling walls that provide both visual and auditory security from adjoining areas. The overall impact is a school environment that allows for more effective and efficient teaching and learning. We are all grateful to the community for making it all possible. Our highest respect and admiration goes to Tim Bartlett, District Director of Building and Grounds, and MacMillin Construction for efficient planning, timing and execution of the plans for new construction and renovations to the high school.

Staff and students are commended for meeting the construction demands for packing, labeling and storing of classroom materials over this past summer. A special letter of thanks was sent to the students in Don Engelbert's AP chemistry class for the outstanding job they did in packaging and cataloging the science department chemicals. We are particularly grateful to Mike Tocci and Sandy McGonagle for housing the office staff at the elementary school during the summer months. Our accommodations were comfortable and enabled us to function effectively.

Five hundred forty-eight students attend Gilford High School. All positions for faculty, administration and staff number 109.

GHS students continue to receive honors in the scholastic and art competitions. A gold key went to Tammy Dikinis for her photography portfolio. A silver key and two honorable mentions for photography portfolios were awarded; two honorable mentions were received for two drawing portfolios. Poems written by eighteen students were published in the Creative Communication/Northeastern States Competition and, as a result of this, GHS received a “Poetic Achievement” Award. Kristin Groenke's poem, *Fermented*, was published in *TeenInk*, a national magazine of student writing. GHS served as a host site in April for two of the nation's Poet Laureates, Mary Crow of Colorado and David Evans of South Dakota, determined to be the best poets in their respective

states. GHS students continue to take part in hosting the annual Young Writers' Conference, although it is held at PSU now.

Seven concerts, and two plays, *All My Sons* and *Kiss Me Kate* were presented during 2003. Domestic Exchange traveled to and hosted students from Kingsport, Tennessee. Six students visited Wilhelm Gymnasium in Braunschweig, Germany, last spring, and we hosted thirteen students from Braunschweig this fall.

In January, 2003, eighteen students took part in the Lakes Region High School Music Festival at Newfound Regional HS where MS and HS bands presented a winter band concert. For the first time, a GHS 2003 graduate, Nick Wawrzynski, was selected to participate in the NH All-State Chamber Music Festival on January 11, 2003. Nick had the second highest score for tenors in NH.

For the fifth consecutive year, GHS gave students the opportunity to celebrate "Cultural Arts Week." The focus this year was a study of *Russia, Old and New*. The goal to integrate all classes into one mutual effort was very productive. During the study, students gather information, create art work relative to the study, prepare food native to the country and present a musical concert. Artisans from the Very Special Arts of NH brought unique presentations to each classroom to demonstrate various cultural evidence specific to the country.

GHS students serve the community in many ways. For instance, they conduct a community blood drive in the spring, offer child care during town meetings, serve as "mike runners" at town meetings, help with preparations and music at the Rotary Community Christmas dinner, collect food and coats for families in need. One instance of specific interest is that students in Mr. Zulauf's AP U.S. History class worked with the Historical Society to prepare the Grange Hall for a concrete basement floor. The earth under the hall had to be HAND DUG to protect the foundation. Six dump truck loads of dirt and stone were removed, one shovel full at a time, by eleven students within a six day period. The Student Council members sponsored a *Candidates' Night* for the March local elections.

Again this year, GHS offered two free computer sessions, one night a week for eight weeks each session, to the residents of Gilford and Gilmanton.

During the past year-and-a-half, the high school has spent considerable time discussing the effectiveness of our programs. We have taken particular note of the nature of our curriculum offerings, student attendance practices, the comprehensiveness of our athletic programs, assessment procedures, scheduling practices, ability grouping practices (tracking), guidance services and media (library)

support, including computer education. We have identified the need and timeliness of updating our approach to technology education in preparing our students for success at the Huot Technical Center. More of our students should be taking advantage of the courses available at the Center that would prepare them in the technical and vocational careers. Specific initiatives have been undertaken that are designed to better meet the needs of all students and to explore the most effective ways of delivering instruction to meet these needs.

Beginning this year, the high school has moved to address the requirements contained in a new federal law. The *No Child Left Behind Law* is designed to assure that all students meet a minimum level of proficiency in reading, math and science. The law requires that by the year 2014, all students – and all sub-groups of students – will be performing at grade level. Further, the law requires that by the school year 2005-2006, all teachers of core subjects; i.e., English, language arts, mathematics, science, world language, civics and government, economics, art, history and geography, must be “highly qualified.” “Highly Qualified” teachers are defined by the law as those who hold at least a bachelor’s degree, are fully licensed or certified by the State in the subjects they teach. They must also demonstrate teaching competency.

Congratulations to Scott T. Hutchison, GHS English/Journalism teacher, who had his first book of poetry, *Reining In*, published. Our community is fortunate to have this talented young man in the classroom at GHS.

The new attendance policy that went into effect in September, 2003, is producing very positive results. First quarter, absences, dismissals and tardies for seniors, as compared to first quarter 2002, have decreased by approximately one-half. We appreciate the help we are receiving from the parents to make this new policy a success.

We are ever thankful to the community, for those who offer internships, financial support, volunteer assistance and those who offer so many services to students and staff through their membership in the PTA. We are fortunate, indeed, to be a part of such a caring, supportive community. We are able to offer students exceptional opportunities because of your interest in the school community.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Marston
Principal

GILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Annual Report

Construction crews worked throughout one of the most severe winters in recent memory to complete construction on the new Gilford Middle School. Meanwhile, administration and faculty worked to develop a middle school philosophy and to begin preparations for separating grades six through eight from the high school. The Middle Level Planning Committee was established under the supervision and guidance of Gilford Elementary School Principal Michael Tocci. The committee began meeting in the summer of 2002. The first charge of the committee was to develop a survey designed to elicit input from the community regarding its impressions on curriculum, instructional practices, communications, and school climate. Based upon the responses to that survey, a number of significant changes have been incorporated this year in the areas of curriculum, scheduling, personnel and behavioral expectations, including the development of a new code of conduct. Additional modifications will occur next year with the addition of the fifth grade to our facility. The team also developed a list of essential questions to be researched during school visitations conducted throughout the year at established middle schools with reputations for employing sound middle school philosophy. The essential questions focused on academic supports, configuration, advisories, behavior management and supports, co-curricular activities, guidance services, student recognition, unified arts, and enrichment opportunities. While all the visitation teams brought back new and innovative ideas, the visitations also served to provide affirmation for the many solid practices already established in our school. The Middle Level Planning Committee continued to meet biweekly throughout the school year. This year, a Transition Committee was formed to ensure a smooth transition for our incoming fifth graders.

On September 8, 2003, the newly constructed Gilford Middle School opened its doors for the first time for three hundred eight students in grades six through eight and eighty two staff members. Although construction continued throughout the fall to complete the gymnasium, media center, and additional ancillary areas, our classrooms and food service areas were complete and ready to accept students.

It is amazing what a difference one year can make! Since the establishment of a separate middle school last year, new and exciting initiatives have evolved. At the recommendation of the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C), we drafted a new mission statement and developed learning expectations created uniquely

for the middle school. This mission statement has served as a directional beacon as we continue to evaluate our curricular and co-curricular programs. Several program initiatives under the direction of our reading specialist, Carole Barbour, are an outgrowth of this process. First, we have provided instruction and support for incorporating Power Writing at all grade levels across the entire curriculum. Second, the Literacy Collaborative that began in the elementary school several years ago is in its initial stages of implementation through grade six. For the first time this year, an independent study program was piloted for eighth graders. The modern language program has been extended to include sixth graders, with an overview of both Spanish and French, before students select one language to study in grades seven and eight. Our math curriculum has been expanded to include an enrichment program in grade six and a program to provide additional support in mathematics in grade eight. We have offered extended day alternatives for middle school students with an after school enrichment component, and plans are underway to explore the possibility of a summer program. Two of our students were recognized by the New England League of Middle Schools. Maegan Beinoras, eighth grader, and Joleen Howard, seventh grader, were the first to receive the Scholar Leader Award. Our student council employed the democratic process and led our school in the selection of a school mascot and school colors. As we continue our separation from the elementary and high schools and acknowledge our own independence, we strive to find new ways to provide consistency, continuity, and a sense of community with programs and opportunities that ensure success for all of our students.

The PTA and Volunteer Steering Committee are invaluable assets to our school. The PTA continues to provide support for our programs and activities, while the Volunteer Steering Committee continues to provide seemingly unlimited time and energy in support of our students and staff.

As we reflect upon this past year, our progress can be attributed to the dedication and commitment of people too numerous to count. Our custodial crew worked nonstop throughout the summer moving furniture and equipment from place to place so that construction timelines would not be hindered. Community volunteers helped pack supplies in preparation for our move. The elementary school was our gracious host this past summer as high school administrative and guidance offices, and the middle school office set up temporary housekeeping in their already over-utilized facility. Teachers and support staff worked above the call of duty packing, unpacking, cleaning and making preparations for opening day. Our official ribbon cutting ceremony on October 25, 2003, signified not only the opening of a new middle school but the culminating efforts

of an entire community coming together for a united purpose: the welfare of its children.

On behalf of the entire staff at Gilford Middle School, I would like to thank the School Board, Building Committee, central office administration, fellow administrators, and the Community of Gilford for their continued efforts toward achieving quality education for our middle school students.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kemmerer, Principal
GMS

GILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Annual Report

It is with deep respect and admiration for the educational community I serve that I submit to the citizens of Gilford my twentieth and final report as Principal of Gilford Elementary School.

Reflecting on the most compelling challenges that I have faced in my role as principal of GES for the past twenty years, I offer the following thoughts. It has taken courage and passion to lead during an era of high accountability for student achievement along with the demands of a myriad of state and federal mandates while trying to balance my professional responsibilities and my personal life. I must admit that even facing such challenges, I will retire as your elementary principal with many fond memories of student, community and collegial experiences. Together, we have shared a vision that Gilford Elementary School is an exemplary school that embraces community involvement while serving a diverse population of learners in a safe and nurturing environment. I am very proud of what we have accomplished for our children!

We have so much to celebrate as a school community. The recent construction of the new middle school and renovations to the high school will have a profound and positive impact for ALL Gilford students. Beginning in the fall of 2004, Gilford Elementary will become a K-4 school when the fifth grade becomes part of the middle school. While some in our community may have reservations regarding this change, I, for one, feel that this reorganization is best suited for our students at this point in the history of our school district. For the past two years, a planning committee and, this year, a transition committee have worked diligently to prepare our respective faculties, students and the community for this change. I applaud the outstanding effort of all who were involved in this most important project. I view the autonomy of both the middle school and the high school to be crucial for the success of the students who we serve at all levels. Aligning fifth grade with the middle school will also create some much needed space at the elementary school.

Linking the instruction of literacy between the elementary school and middle school continues as a major goal for both schools. We will, through our professional development relationship with Lesley University, continue to train teachers as well as a literacy coordinator in the implementation of the collaborative model. This method of instruction has proven to be very beneficial for our kindergarten through second grade students; the present level of involvement will impact students in grades three through six.

The assessment and reporting of student achievement remains a high priority at Gilford Elementary School. Each year, we administer the state-mandated tests to students in third grade. We are very pleased with the progress that our third graders have achieved on these tests since their introduction. A comparative analysis with state averages indicates that GES students are scoring significantly above state averages in all areas tested. We are most proud of this year's math results, which were among the highest in the state. This is also the first year that we have adopted a trimester system of reporting student achievement to parents. Although we have a very brief history with the newly revised student report cards, we are very encouraged regarding teacher and parent acceptance of the changes made in this area. The review and feedback from parents and teachers will continue to guide any further revision of the new report cards, which are considered a work in progress.

In January, Gilford Elementary School was recognized by the state of New Hampshire as one of three finalist schools for the coveted honor as a New Hampshire School of Excellence. We are extremely proud of this designation. We will continue to cultivate the many outstanding curricula initiatives and student programs such as the Integrated Instructional Model, HOTS (higher order thinking school) philosophy, the Literacy Collaborative and Co-Seed. These programs inspire and challenge our students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. These initiatives, along with our philosophy that all students can achieve success will remain a strong part of our school culture. Other distinctions this year include recognition by the state of Assistant Principal, Sandra McGonagle, as NH Assistant Principal of the Year, and Wendy Oellers was named NH Environmental Educator of the year.

The Kindergarten Study Task Force commissioned by the School Board and facilitated by Assistant Principal, Sandra McGonagle, assessed the multiple possibilities for meeting the future needs of our pre-school and kindergarten populations. Organizational structures, such as full-day kindergarten and other early intervention programs, were examined. The committee submitted a report of their findings and recommendations to the Gilford School Board in November. The Board will determine the fiscal and educational impact of the committee's findings and offer their recommendations to the community for further review. In all likelihood, a multi-year plan will be discussed to implement the various recommendations.

Gilford Elementary School derives tremendous benefit from the collaborative relationships that we enjoy with agencies and organizations outside of the school community. The Gilford Police Department, through Officer Kris Kelly, provides instruction for the DARE program

to our fifth grade students. We also have the benefit of a school resource officer, Tim Barone, who we share with the Middle School. Gilford Fire Rescue, through the efforts of Chief Mike Mooney and education officer, Fire Fighter Frank Latosek, brings many health and safety programs to our school. The Gilford Historical Society, Gilford Rotary, Gilford Library, Gilford Recreation Department and many area businesses work with GES to offer funding to support educational and recreational programs for our students.

In closing my final report as your elementary principal, it is very important that you understand how fortunate I feel to have served the students of this community for the past twenty years. I offer my most sincere appreciation to the numerous school board members, SAU personnel, parents, and colleagues along with organizations such as the Gilford District PTA and the Volunteer Steering Committee for supporting the goals and visions of my administration.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Tocci

Principal

SCHOOL STATISTICS **GILFORD ELEMENTARY** **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

As of December, 2003

Elementary	Grade	
	K	81
	1	94
	2	94
	3	90
	4	80
	5	<u>99</u>
	Total Elementary	538
Middle School	6	111
	7	92
	8	99
	Total Middle	302
High School	9	151
	10	131
	11	125
	12	129
	Total High	536
SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTAL		1376

GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING
2002-2003

Expenditures

Instruction	\$1,446,918.21
Related Services	68,730.49
Administration	117,653.98
Legal	.00
Transportation	88,240.87

Total Expenditures \$1,721,543.55

Revenues

Catastrophic Aid	\$53,135.39
Medicaid	57,809.08
Disabilities Programs	78,992.50
Other LEA'S	177,062.48

Total Revenues \$336,999.45

Expenses are for delivery of special education instruction, occupational/physical therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, and special education transportation. Grant programs and revenues are for special education services delivered through state or federal funding.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003**

General Fund

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Actual</u>
School District Assessment	\$ 6,583,238
Other Local	1,775,803
State	4,960,638
Federal	<u>57,809</u>
 <u>Total Revenues</u>	 <u>\$ 13,377,488</u>

<u>Expenditures</u>	
<u>Current</u>	
Instruction	6,627,840
<u>Support Services</u>	
Student	490,423
Instructional Staff	482,895
General Administration	100,933
Executive Administration	124,902
School Administration	778,040
Business	214,371
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,192,485
Student Transportation	438,557
Other	2,586,828
<u>Non-Instructional Services</u>	
Debt Service	<u>668,999</u>
 <u>Total Expenditures</u>	 <u>\$ 13,706,273</u>

<u>Deficiency of Revenues</u>	
<u>Under Expenditures</u>	<u>(328,785)</u>

<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	
Transfers In	
Transfers Out	<u>(58,000)</u>

<u>Total Other Financing Sources and Uses</u>	<u>(58,000)</u>
<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>	(386,785)
<u>Decrease in Fund Balance</u>	
<u>Reserved for Special Purposes</u>	50,000
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances – July 1</u>	<u>578,712</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances – June 30</u>	<u>\$ 241,927</u>

Note Source – Plodzik & Sanderson, Independent Auditors Report

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICE
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003**

	<u>Food Service</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	
Local	\$ 329,606
State	2,818
Federal	<u>53,064</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>385,488</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<u>Current</u>	
Instruction	
Non-Instructional Services	<u>397,547</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>397,547</u>
<u>Deficiency of Revenues</u>	
<u>Under Expenditures</u>	(12,059)
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	
<u>Operating Transfers In</u>	<u>8,000</u>
<u>Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	<u>(4,059)</u>
<u>Fund Balances – July 1</u>	<u>99,464</u>
<u>Fund Balances – June 30</u>	<u><u>\$ 95,405</u></u>

Note Source – Plodzick & Sanderson, Independent Auditors Report



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INDEPENDENT A AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the School Board
Gilford School District
Gilford, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Gilford School District for the year ended June 30, 2003, we considered the School District's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the School District's accounting systems and records were identified.

New Reporting Standard

During June of 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. This statement drastically changes the way in which financial statements are prepared and requires additional information to be reported in order for the financial statements to be in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Statement No. 34 took effect for the Gilford School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Gilford School District

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters

The School District has not implemented GASB Statement No. 34, but has presented the financial statements following the format that was in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. While we have conducted our audit following generally accepted auditing standards as we have in past years, we have issued an adverse opinion this year because the financial statements are not presented following the model established by Statement No. 34. As described more fully in our audit opinion, the financial statements are missing several required statements and supplementary information, and the format presented does not follow Statement No. 34. The opinion does not mean to imply that the figures presented are incorrect, but that they are not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We recommend that the School District take action to implement GASB Statement No. 34 as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

July 21, 2003

Gunstock Acres Water District

GAWWD PROPOSED 2004 BUDGET

	2001	2001	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004
	BUDGETED	Actual (unaudited)	BUDGETED	Actual (unaudited)	BUDGETED	3/4 actual	Projected	Preliminary budget	
Maintenance	\$63,000	\$63,205	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$44,313	\$63,000	\$63,000	
Supplies	\$18,000	\$23,187	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$9,685	\$18,000	\$18,000	
Chemicals	\$8,000	\$8,545	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$11,000	\$3,197	\$7,500	\$8,500	
Utilities	\$26,000	\$21,641	\$26,000	\$24,000	\$25,000	\$19,247	\$25,500	\$28,000	
District officers	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$3,600	\$0	\$2,600	\$2,600	
Accounting	\$1,900	\$1,680	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$1,550	\$1,900	\$2,000	
Billing	\$1,900	\$1,917	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,917	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Administration	\$500	\$229	\$500	\$200	\$500	\$77	\$200	\$1,500	
Insurance	\$1,000	\$790	\$1,000	\$896	\$1,000	\$896	\$896	\$1,000	
Legal	\$1,000	\$479	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	
Emergency	\$19,000	\$9,167	\$19,000	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$14,961	\$17,000	\$17,000	
Engineering	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$8,000	\$11,032	\$11,032	\$13,500	
Water quality testing	\$3,000	\$2,531	\$1,500	\$600	\$3,000	\$1,768	\$2,000	\$1,000	
Interest on tax anticipation	\$2,000	\$610	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100	
Principal of debt	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Interest of debt	\$8,195	\$8,195	\$7,220	\$7,220	\$6,230	\$6,230	\$6,230	\$5,560	
SRFL Principal	\$10,156	\$10,156	\$10,277	\$10,277	\$10,399	\$10,399	\$10,399	\$10,522	
SRFL Interest and fees	\$680	\$680	\$497	\$497	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$252	
Sub total	\$182,431	\$170,612	\$178,094	\$168,690	\$182,204	\$135,647	\$178,632	\$185,534	Sub total
Major Equipment	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
2003 unreserved (surplus)			\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	
2003 unreserved (hookups)	\$19,658	\$19,658	\$23,366	\$23,366	\$61,649	\$61,649	\$61,649	\$56,933	
Totals	\$217,089	\$205,270	\$226,460	\$217,056	\$268,853	\$222,296	\$265,281	\$262,467	
Special warrant aside			\$18,351	\$18,351	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	
			\$287,204	\$287,204	\$287,204	\$287,204	\$275,281	\$262,467	

ESTIMATE REVENUES:

USERS	\$143,000
LOTS	\$12,780
Unreserved hookups 2003	\$59,000
Unreserved surplus 2003	\$5,000
	\$219,780
	\$202,487.00

* Special warrant aside will only include unreserved 2003 hook-ups

\$42,637 REMAINING FOR TAXES

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the **Gilford Middle School** in said Gilford, on Tuesday, the 9th of March, 2004 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles appearing on the official town ballot; and in the **Gilford High School** on Wednesday, the 10th of March 2004 at 7:00 p.m. for the second session to act upon the remainder of the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

ARTICLE 2. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Gilford on the second Tuesday of March? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map as follows:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Gilford as requested by John and Sandra Rock, owners of the Arlberg Ski and Sports Shop at 720 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH, to change the zoning for said location from the current LR (Limited Residential) and NRR (Natural Resources Residential) zones to the RC (Resort Commercial) zone. The property is tax map and lot number 254-073.000. **The Planning Board recommends this amendment.**

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Town of Gilford Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Special District (also known as an overlay zone) by creating a new Section 2.2.6, Business Park District, establishing the boundaries of the Business Park District as encompassing all of the Lakes Business Park, Phase II, located at 317 Gilford Avenue; and by creating a new Section 5.2.5, Business Park District, which establishes regulations for the new special district. This Section 5.2.5 allows building heights in the special district up to a maximum of sixty (60) feet, and allows a Medical Center (Sections 4.3.13 and 4.7.3(m)) as a use permitted by special exception in the special district if the use is located in a structure with at least 10,000 square feet of gross floor area.

Amendment #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend various parts of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance to create a new Senior Housing Ordinance as follows:

- a. Article 3, Definitions. Add a definition for Senior Housing which is “a residential development specifically designed for occupancy by at least one person 55 years of age or older, per unit, and developed according to the standards set forth in Section 11.4.7, Senior Housing.”
- b. Article 4, Permitted Uses and Regulations. Add a new land use, Section 4.2.10, Senior Housing, as a use that is permitted as a special exception in the SFR (Single Family Residential), LR (Limited Residential), PC (Professional Commercial), and RC (Resort Commercial) zones, and not permitted in any other zones.
- c. Section 4.7, Description of Permitted Uses. Add a new land use description, Senior Housing, under Section 4.7.2, Residential Uses, as item (j).
- d. Article 11, Special Exceptions. Add a new section for Senior Housing as Section 11.4.7. This new section provides regulations governing the development and design of senior housing developments. These provisions include allowing in the residential zones (SFR and LR zones) as many as twenty-eight (28) dwelling units per structure at a density of up to fifteen (15) dwelling units per acre; allowing in the non-residential zones (PC and RC zones) a density of up to twenty-four (24) dwelling units per acre with no limit on the number of units allowed per structure; requiring access to individual units from an internal driveway and not directly from a public road; requiring open space and recreational amenities with each project; requiring a mix of one- (1) and two- (2) bedroom units; specifying minimum parking requirements; limiting lot coverage to what is normally allowed in the zone; requiring fifty (50) feet of frontage or right-of-way width along a public road; in the residential zones (SFR and LR zones) requiring fifty (50) foot setbacks from all property lines; limiting the size of a senior housing development in the residential zones (SFR and LR zones) to a minimum of three (3) acres and a maximum of ten (10) acres; and other related regulations.

Amendment # 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 4, Permitted Uses, of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance, in various ways including the following:

- a. Allowing Section 4.3.3, Auto and Marine Light Repair Shop, as a permitted use in the Industrial zone; Section 4.3.7, Commercial Storage Facility, as a special exception in the Industrial zone; and Section 4.3.14.a., Motel/Hotel, as a special exception in the Professional Commercial zone;

- b. Creating new land uses including Section 4.4.6, Airport – Public, Section 4.4.7, Boat Storage, and Section 4.6.15, Airplane Hangar, and creating regulations and descriptions for said new land uses under Sections 4.7.4(f), 4.7.4 (g), and 4.7.6 (o) respectively; establishing Section 4.4.6, Airport – Public, as a special exception in the Industrial zone and not permitted in any other zone; establishing Section 4.4.7, Boat Storage, as a special exception in the Resort Commercial and Commercial zones, a permitted use in the Industrial zone, and not permitted in any other zone; establishing Section 4.6.15, Airplane Hangar, as a permitted use in the Industrial zone and not permitted in any other zone;
- c. Deleting the Professional Commercial zone maximum floor area limitations established in Sections 4.7.3(p), Personal Service Shop, and 4.7.3(t), Restaurant, Public Assembly;
- d. Clarifying the wording in Section 4.7.3(q), Theater, to say that a theater is a movie house or a playhouse;
- e. Adding a sentence to Section 4.7.3(r), Radio and Television Tower, that waives the requirement for further Zoning Board of Adjustment review when antennas are added to a previously approved radio or television antenna tower under certain circumstances such as when the added antenna will not increase the tower's overall height;
- f. Clarifying Section 4.7.3(t), Restaurant, Public Assembly, as a use established for consumption of food and beverages primarily inside a building; and
- g. Other minor changes.

Amendment #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5, Dimensional Regulations, in various ways including the following:

- a. Amending Section 5.1.1(b) to increase the maximum slope of land allowed in the calculation of buildable lot area from fifteen (15) percent to twenty-five (25) percent; to add wording to allow the Planning Board to determine that prime agricultural land or agricultural land of statewide importance may be included in the calculation of buildable lot area if the parcel's size, location, or adjoining uses make it impractical for agricultural use; and to delete the prohibition of building on areas not comprising the buildable lot area;
- b. Amending Section 5.2.1, Island and Shore Frontage District, by adding a new paragraph (g) which is an exception enabling the Planning Board to allow a reduced buffer or setback along the water bodies affected by Section 5.2.1 if the Planning Board finds that the reduced buffer or setback will not result in an increase in degradation of the affected water body, the reduced buffer or setback is in the public interest, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has approved a plan showing the reduced buffer or setback where such an approval from NHDES is required;
- c. Amending Section 5.3.1, Building Heights, to raise the maximum building height allowed in the Professional Commercial and Industrial zones from thirty-five (35)

feet to forty-eight (48) feet unless restricted in the Airport District or allowed to be higher in the Business Park District; and

- d. Other minor changes.

Amendment #6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11.4.6(c)(9) by deleting the requirement for Multiple Family Developments to be connected to a public sewer system and thereby allowing them to be served by a septic system.

Amendment #7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the opening paragraph of Article 7, Off-Street Parking, by adding a sentence that will enable the Planning Board to determine an appropriate parking ratio, after making proper findings, if a use is proposed for which no specific parking ratio is already established in this article.

Amendment #8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3, Definitions, by deleting the existing definition of "Building Height"; inserting a new definition of "Building Height" to read "the vertical dimension of a building measured from the elevation of the foundation sill (where the first floor meets the foundation) to the highest elevation of the roof."; and deleting the existing term "Height of Building" and its definition.

SECOND SESSION

ARTICLE 4. *"Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee."*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,597,204 for the construction, furnishings, equipment and landscaping of a new Public Library, and to authorize the issuance of \$2,247,204 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; with \$350,500 to be raised by private donations. (Recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,832,724 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4130	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 406,616
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	194,603
4150	Financial Administration	142,295
4152	Appraisal Expenses	159,234
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	1,350,680
4191	Planning & Zoning	195,042
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	248,984
4195	Cemeteries	4,700
4196	Insurance	73,000
4197	Lakes Region Planning Commission	7,570

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,203,165 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations - Police	\$1,235,047
4220	General Operations - Fire	915,168
4290.1	Emergency Management	8,386
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	44,564

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,332,367 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$ 113,621
4312	Highways & Streets	784,275
4313	Bridges	287,000
4316	Street Lighting	17,000
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	150,115
4324	Solid Waste Management	447,801
4326	Sewer Department	514,072
4330	Laconia Water Works	18,483

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 104,148 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4414	Animal Control	\$ 5,400
4419	Health Agencies	43,248
4441	Welfare Administration & General Assistance	55,500

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,146 for the following Culture, Recreation & Conservation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$ 162,735
4520.6	Skating Rink	7,700
4550	Library	235,381
4583	Patriotic Purposes	8,100
4589	Thompson Ames Historic Society	10,000
4611	Conservation Commission	1,230

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 603,754 for the following Debt Service and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 585,320
4721.2	Interest - Long-term Bonds	18,432
4723.2	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	1
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$942,786 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	
	Capital Improvements – Police	64,000
	Capital Improvements – Fire	135,869

	Capitol Improvements – Ambulance	14,417
	Capitol Improvements – Highway	28,500
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	
	Highway Reconstruction	600,000
	Signalization Project	100,000

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a 3-acre parcel of land at 31 Potter Hill Road for the sum of \$150,000 to build a new Public Library, and to raise and appropriate that sum as follows: \$100,000 is to be withdrawn from the Library Capital Reserve Fund, \$40,000 is to be raised by private donations, and \$10,000 has already been raised by the 2003 Town Meeting, when it authorized the withdrawal of that sum from the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 13 (By petition of Joseph Hoffman and others) “To see if the Town will vote a one (1) year moratorium on the development of the Lakes Region Business Park pending the assessment of community and regional development as per RSA 674:22”

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 to increase the amount of the optional Veteran’s Tax Credit from \$100 to \$500. (Note: Passage of this article will result in a fiscal impact of \$198,400 per year, based on present recipients)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:29-a to increase the amount of the property tax credit for surviving spouses of persons killed while on active duty in the armed forces in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones as set forth in RSA 72:28, from \$1,400 to \$2,000. (Note: Passage of this article will result in no fiscal impact, based on present recipients)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 to increase the amount of the optional property tax credit for persons with a Service-Connected Total disability from \$1,400 to \$2,000. (Note: Passage of this article will result in a fiscal impact of \$5,400 per year, based on present recipients)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$175,000 towards the purchase of 236 acres and development restrictions on 30 acres of the former Arthur Weeks Farm (Map 238, Lot 5) by the Conservation Commission. (Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey conservation easements to the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests, on the 144 acre tract designated as the Wilson-Weeks Town Forest (Map 227, Lot 132) and on approximately 236 acres adjoining land (part of Map 238, Lot 5) proposed for acquisition through the Conservation Commission from Stephen E. Weeks.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a capital improvement program committee, pursuant to RSA 674:5, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years. The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program shall be to aid the selectmen and the budget committee in their consideration of the annual budget.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell approximately 30 acres of land located near the intersection of Belknap Mountain Road and Durrell Mountain Road, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Selectmen. The proposed parcel is a portion of a larger 137-acre tract (Map 232, Lot 2), purchased by the Town from Foster Peverly in 1985. It is a former gravel pit which needs to be reclaimed, and which will have to be subdivided from the rest of the tract at the expense of the purchasers

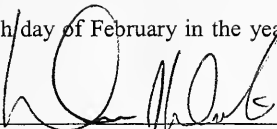
ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Blaisdell Avenue as a public highway southerly of a line shown as its southerly terminus at a set of double iron pipes shown on a plan entitled "Lot Merger Plan Involving Properties Owned By Gerald Realty Limited Partnership and James R. Irwin & Sons, Inc. and Martin's Foods of South Burlington, Inc." dated December 9, 2003, and revised February 13, 2004, on file at the Town Hall and to be recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds; and further, to discontinue that portion of Blaisdell Avenue, labeled as "Parcel 'F', Temporary Easement for Cul-De-Sac" on a plan entitled "Boundary Line Adjustments & Relocation Plan, Blaisdell Ave., June 12, 1999" also on file at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey to an abutter, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Selectmen, the Town's interest in a small triangle of land (approximately 2,800 sq. feet) adjacent to Longridge Drive. This area was originally reserved for a possible turn-around, which is no longer necessary.


ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Ordinance Relating to Noise Control" by adding the following:

2(c). No demolition, excavation or construction activities, which generate noise detectable beyond the boundaries of the property on which it is being conducted, shall be permitted before 7:00 a.m., or after 7:00 p.m., except when it involves activities by employees or agents of a public body, in an emergency situation.

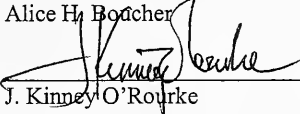
Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four.



Dennis J. Doten, Chairman



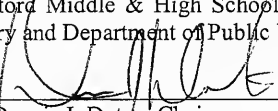
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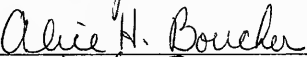
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SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

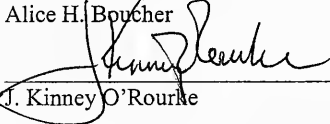
We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford to meet for the 2004 Town Meeting at the time and place indicated in this Warrant, by posting an attested copy of this document on February 20, 2004, at the Gilford Middle & High Schools, the place of meetings, and at the Town Hall, Gilford Public Library and Department of Public Works.



Dennis J. Doten, Chairman



Alice H. Boucher



J. Kinney O'Rourke

SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

Subscribed and sworn to this twentieth day of February 2004.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: _____ Gilford, NH _____

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) 2/13/2004 _____.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Carol A. Talpin
Scott Davis
William H. Shields
John Hays

Dana D. Lee
Phyllis M. Corrigan
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Dusan C. Green
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THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 323.1)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		396589	381420	408616		408616	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		164675	137793	182705	11898	194603	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		197280	172672	160795		142295	18500
4152	Revaluation of Property		144860	124549	159234		159234	
4153	Legal Expense		50000	48106	50000		50000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		1238674	1218556	1350680		1350680	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		194698	185367	195042		195042	
4194	General Government Buildings		246673	246700	246984		246984	
4195	Cemeteries		4100	3750	4700		4700	
4196	Insurance		73000	71788	73000		73000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		7570	7570	7570		7570	
4199	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		1103099	1159753	1235047		1235047	
4215-4219	Ambulance							
4220-4229	Fire		863572	857190	915168		915168	
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		3886	2734	8386		8386	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		46315	44303	44564		44564	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		1	0	1	9999	1	9999
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration		102630	101837	113621		113621	
4312	Highways & Streets		748366	726300	804111		784275	19836
4313	Bridges		50000	439	287000		287000	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuring Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		17422	15290	17000		17000	
4319	Other		165835	155569	150115		150115	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		417222	437108	468201		447801	20400
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		503551	432362	514072		514072	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services		17054	18483	18483		18483	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTHWELFARE								
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control		5336	5400	5400		5400	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		34174	30174	43248		43248	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		500	500	500		500	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		60000	50627	55000		55000	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32-3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS		
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED
CULTURE & RECREATION										
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		168481	XXXXXXX	160810	XXXXXXX	170435	XXXXXXX	170435	XXXXXXX
4550-4559	Library		221650	XXXXXXX	221759	XXXXXXX	235031	XXXXXXX	235381	XXXXXXX
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6075	XXXXXXX	6064	XXXXXXX	8100	XXXXXXX	8100	XXXXXXX
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		10000	XXXXXXX	10000	XXXXXXX	10000	XXXXXXX	10000	XXXXXXX
CONSERVATION										
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
4619	Other Conservation		1851	XXXXXXX	982	XXXXXXX	1230	XXXXXXX	1230	XXXXXXX
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
DEBT SERVICE										
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		269860	XXXXXXX	271632	XXXXXXX	585320	XXXXXXX	585320	XXXXXXX
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		42566	XXXXXXX	19568	XXXXXXX	18432	XXXXXXX	18432	XXXXXXX
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX	1	XXXXXXX	1	XXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
CAPITAL OUTLAY										
4901	Land			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		270700	XXXXXXX	282221	XXXXXXX	242786	XXXXXXX	242786	XXXXXXX
4903	Buildings		35000	XXXXXXX	11165	XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		728575	XXXXXXX	694278	XXXXXXX	700000	XXXXXXX	700000	XXXXXXX
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT										
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
4914	To Enterprise Fund			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
	Sewer-			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
	Water-			XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpandable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			8009841	8324777	9490578	22247	9444090	68735

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated as the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED			
ACCT #									
4901	Weeks Farm				175000	175000			
4901	Library Land				150000	150000			
4902	New Library Bond Issue				2597704	0	2597704		
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	2522704	XXXXXXXXXX	325000	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		18910	4955	19000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		23803	23730	15000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		13257	13334	6500
3189	Other Taxes		11207	11207	10951
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		130827	169298	140500
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		304	304	100
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		56977	56409	56020
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1310540	1583563	1405500
3230	Building Permits		36890	57253	41100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		7462	8520	7200
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		38171	86370	38171
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		207847	207847	207847
3353	Highway Block Grant		181164	146961	181501
3354	Water Pollution Grant		26590	26590	113265
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		1477	1477	1300
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				305000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		273685	334496	271155
3409	Other Charges		89770	111460	90000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		62254	73533	40000
3502	Interest on investments		40000	39932	50000
3503-3509	Other		42935	27476	78500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		140000	140000	140000
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		503551	503551	514072
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		25000	25000	100000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			3246499	3296018	3832682

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	8609841	9490578	9444090
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		2922704	325000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)			
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	8609841	12413282	9769090
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	3246499	6430314	3832682
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	5363342	5982968	5936408

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

OF:

Gilford (SAU #73) NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From

IMPORTANT:

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Date: February 12, 2004

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

[Signature]
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Richard C. Hildre
William H. Phillips
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THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

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Acc.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/02 to 6/30/03	Appropriations 2003-2004 As Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS 2004-2005 RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP. 2004-2005 RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED		
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		5,196,657.86	5,615,521	6,002,578	6,002,578		
1200-1299	Special Programs		1,091,058.00	1,382,024	1,509,953	1,509,953		
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		14,864.07	27,840	27,840	27,840		
1400-1499	Other Programs		312,462.01	352,262	382,371	382,371		
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		490,422.91	563,280	650,248	650,248		
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		482,895.39	566,391	624,145	624,145		
General Administration								
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		100,932.99	58,800	66,200	66,200		
Executive Administration								
2320-310	SAU Management Services							
2320-2399	All Other Executive		124,901.96	135,610	135,610	135,610		
2400-2499	School Administration Service		778,040.02	883,619	883,805	883,805		
2500-2599	Business		213,970.83	203,198	226,619	226,619		
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		1,170,869.99	1,433,191	1,322,685	1,322,685		
2700-2799	Student Transportation		438,558.43	451,689	465,742	465,742		
2800-2999	Other support Service		2,586,828.55	3,307,860	3,936,387	3,936,387		
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES								
3000-3999			388,007	397,964	509,849	509,849		
FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION								
4000-4999			0	1	1	1		
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5110	Debt Service - Principal		195,000.00	1,047,033	1,045,000	1,045,000		
5120	Debt Service - Interest		473,999.45	748,156	712,875	712,875		

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/02 to 6/30/03	Appropriations 2003-2004 As Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS 2004-2005 RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP. 2004-2005 RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
FUND TRANSFERS								
5220-5221	To Food Service		8,000.00	8,000	8,000		8,000	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue-Federal Projects		245,682.51	269,984	309,984		309,984	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves							
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see below)		50,000.00	0	0		0	
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT		14,363,152.31	17,452,423	18,819,892	0	18,819,892	0
	SUBTOTAL 1							

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ _____ (see RSA 198:20-c, V)

help! We ask your assistance in the following: if you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues 2002-2003	Revised Revenues 2003-2004	ESTIMATED REVENUES 2004-2005
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition		1,593,092.41	1,710,109	2,103,728
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		2,844.04	11,000	11,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales		338,799.95	352,965	464,849
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		178,502.36	105,248	114,889
	Other Local Sources - Rental Fees		1,365.00	1,000	5,000
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		76,383.61	372,890	372,184
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		53,135.39	43,135	73,135
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition		3,000.00	3,000	3,000
3270	Driver Education		14,650.55	15,000	15,000
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		132,604.05	125,953	125,953
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		42,000.00	42,000	42,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		113,078.46	144,031	184,031
4580	Medicaid Distribution		57,809.08	50,000	50,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	IV		165,000	407,400
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues 2002-2003	Revised Revenues 2003-2004	ESTIMATED REVENUES 2004-2005
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.					
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contre)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			241,927	204,902
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			2,607,264.90	3,383,258	4,177,071

***BUDGET SUMMARY**

	SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	18,819,892	18,819,892
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	1	1
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	487,400	487,400
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	19,307,293	19,307,293
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	4,177,071	4,177,071
Less: Amount of Cost of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*	4,549,602	4,549,602
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	10,580,620	10,580,620

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18 :\$
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

*Note: You will also be required to pay a State Education Tax RSA 76:3 and you may be required to pay an additional excess education tax in the amount of _____.

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 13, 2004 AT 10:00 A.M.
WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Gilford in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT ON SATURDAY THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2004 AT 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE I District Officers Salaries

To see if the School District will set the salaries of District Officers for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	\$ 100.00
District Clerk	20.00
Chairperson of School Board	1,500.00
School Board Members (4) each	1,000.00
District Treasurer	1,600.00

School Board: Recommended Budget Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE II School District Reports

To see if the School District will approve the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees as printed in the 2003 Town Report.

ARTICLE III Meadows Recreational Facility

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to hire an engineer to develop conceptual plans, construction plans, and cost estimates for the construction of recreational facilities at the Meadows property.

School Board: Recommended Budget Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE IV School Furniture and Equipment

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$407,400) for the purpose of completing and acquiring additional furniture and equipment for the Gilford Middle and High School building project and replacement of the elementary school phone system, and authorizing the use of that amount from the June 30 fund balance for this purpose. (This amount is a portion of the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund on or before June 30. Total estimated interest accrued is \$532,302.)

School Board: Recommended Budget Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE V Expendable Trust

To see if the District will vote to establish an expendable trust fund for the purpose of managing and improving, in all respects, the Meadows Property and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to be placed in the fund.

School Board: Recommended Budget Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE VI General Budget Funds

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Million, Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$18,819,892.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This Article is inclusive of the costs in Article I, but does not include the amounts in Articles III, IV or V.

School Board: \$18,819,892.00 Budget Committee: \$18,819,892.00

ARTICLE VII: Adjournment

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Due to printing deadlines, school board signatures pending

NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND
OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING
2004
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilford Middle School in said district on Tuesday, the Ninth Day of March, 2004, at eight o'clock in the forenoon to seven o'clock in the evening to vote for the District Officers:

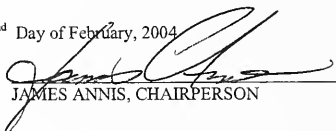
1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

And, to vote on the following Senate Bill 2 (SB2) Petition:

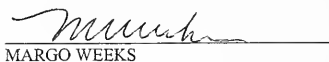
"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Gilford School district on the second Tuesday of March?"

The foregoing procedure calling for election of your District Officers at the annual Town Meeting is authorized by statute (RSA 671:22) and adopted by the District.

Given under our hands and seals this 2nd Day of February, 2004


JAMES ANNIS, CHAIRPERSON

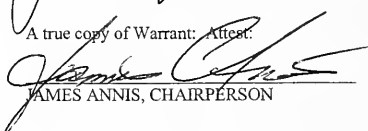
PAUL BLANDFORD


MARGO WEEKS

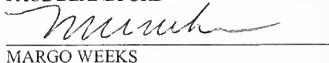

SUSAN ALLEN

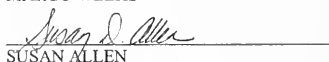

KEVIN HAYES

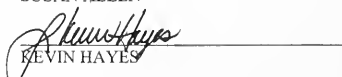
A true copy of Warrant: Attest:


JAMES ANNIS, CHAIRPERSON

PAUL BLANDFORD


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